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Grand Lodge

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Nineteenth Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Odd-fellows' Hall, in the City of Medicine Hat, Province of Alberta, on Wednesday, June 11th, A.D. 1924, A.L. 5924, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

GRAND OFFICERS:

M. W. Bro. George Murray (2), Whitla	Grand Master
R. W. Bro. Horace P. Reid (14), Edmonton	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), Calgary	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Wm. H. Williams (2), Medicine Hat	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. S. J. Byers (8), Innisfail	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. A. W. Dickson (50) Hardisty	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Carl J. Braren (32), Claresholm	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. J. J. Gillespie (6), Pincher Creek	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Geo. F. Auxier (56), Castor	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. W. J. Clements (108), Lomond	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers (10), Lacombe	Senior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. T. Fred English (23), Calgary	Junior Grand Warden
M. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Calgary	Grand Secretary
R. W. Bro. Edwin G. Ironside (23), Calgary	Grand Registrar
R. W. Bro. David K. Allan (30), Coleman	Grand Chaplain
V. W. Bro. P. Forster (119), Lethbridge	Senior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. R. S. Wight (55), Bassano	Junior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. R. S. Hodge (70), Redcliff	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. F. G. Bessant (107), Carbon	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. P. D. Stone (35), Medicine Hat	Grand Pursuivant
R. W. Bro. P. Fielding (38), Mulga	Grand Tyler

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M. W. Bro. Thomas McNabb (4), Turin	Past Grand Master
M. W. Bro. Samuel J. Blair (9), Calgary	Past Grand Master
M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (18), Lethbridge	Past Grand Master
M. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Calgary	Past Grand Master
M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), Calgary	Past Grand Master
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), Calgary	Past Grand Master
M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), Calgary	Past Grand Master

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South Carolina	M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson	Lethbridge
South Dakota	R. W. Bro. W. L. Ouimette	Coleman
Tennessee	R. W. Bro. E. J. Flavin	Edmonton
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W. Bro. A. B. Burpee	" 2
W. Bro. Robert Calder	" 2
W. Bro. William Crawford	" 2
W. Bro. Elmer S. Hodges	" 2
W. Bro. Thos. Hutchinson	" 2
W. Bro. Wm. H. Macdonald	" 2
W. Bro. John McCandie	" 2
M. W. Bro. George Murray	" 2
W. Bro. Vernon W. Parrish	" 2
R. W. Bro. Charles E. Smyth	" 2
R. W. Bro. W. H. Williams	" 2
R. W. Bro. Claude Wm. E. Gardiner	" 3
M. W. Bro. Thos. McNabb	" 4
W. Bro. Walter H. Geering	" 6
R. W. Bro. J. J. Gillespie	" 6
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis	" 6
M. W. Bro. Samuel J. Blair	" 9
M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher	" 9
W. Bro. Wm. Ireland	" 9
R. W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers	" 10
R. W. Bro. Wm. Jas. Stephenson	" 12
V. W. Bro. Thos. Ingram	" 14
M. W. Bro. Horace P. Reid	" 14
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M. W. Bro. John A. Jackson	" 18
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W. Bro. Arthur C. Casey	" 23
R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis	" 23
R. W. Bro. T. F. English	" 23
R. W. Bro. E. G. Ironside	" 23
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W. Bro. Robert Crichton	No. 26
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W. Bro. Geo. T. French	" 28
M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood	" 28
M. W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor	" 28
W. Bro. McKeen Hunter	" 30
W. Bro. R. W. Johnston	" 30
R. W. Bro. Chas. S. Ouimette	" 30
R. W. Bro. Wm. L. Ouimette	" 30
R. W. Bro. David K. Allan	" 30
W. Bro. Lionel T. Westlake	" 31
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R. W. Bro. Elgin A. Bell	" 35
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W. Bro. Gilbert M. Blackstock	" 35
W. Bro. Richard B. Davidson	" 35
R. W. Bro. Samuel T. Fawcett	" 35
W. Bro. A. G. Finch	" 35
W. Bro. Jas. Finch	" 35
V. W. Bro. Harold H. McBain	" 35
W. Bro. Fred Henry Sproule	" 35
R. W. Bro. Herb. D. R. Stewart	" 35
V. W. Bro. P. D. Stone	" 35
W. Bro. Wilfred A. Williams	" 35
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W. Bro. John Edgar Rannard	" 39
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W. Bro. Robert Scott Boyd	W.M. No. 2
Bro. Edwin Morley Cawker	S.W. " 2
W. Bro. Wm. Jas. Merrick	W.M. " 3
W. Bro. Thos. H. Fleetwood	W.M. " 4
Bro. John B. Marcellus	S.W. " 6
W. Bro. Jas. W. Hill	W.M. " 7
W. Bro. Henry Jas. Percy	W.M. " 8
W. Bro. G. W. Skene	W.M. " 9
W. Bro. R. A. Van Slyke	W.M. " 12
W. Bro. Wm. E. Plowman	W.M. " 14
W. Bro. Harry G. Smith	W.M. " 15
W. Bro. Neil Wm. Nelson	W.M. " 18
W. Bro. W. George Young	W.M. " 19
W. Bro. Wm. A. Pryor	W.M. " 20
Bro. Earl Ernest Freeman	J.W. " 21
W. Bro. Hugh Oliver Westrup	W.M. " 26
W. Bro. Andrew Scotland	W.M. " 27
W. Bro. Joseph Vincent Follett	W.M. " 28
Bro. Harry Eastwood Howard	J.W. " 28
W. Bro. Luke Lindoe	W.M. " 30
W. Bro. Wilfred Carter Marsh	W.M. " 32
Bro. Kenneth Gordon B. Nourse	S.W. " 33
W. Bro. Nat. M. Conner	W.M. " 35
Bro. Robert Hoag	S.W. " 35
W. Bro. Edward Elliott Connor	W.M. " 37
Bro. John E. Thompson	S.W. " 39
Bro. Donald Campbell	J.W. " 40
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W. Bro. Andrew Davison	W.M.	No. 59
W. Bro. Ernest Charles Tregale	W.M.	" 61
Bro. Archie C. Gage	S.W.	" 64
Bro. Harold R. Roach	J.W.	" 64
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W. Bro. E. Stanley Tharp	W.M.	" 83
Bro. William H. Andrews	J.W.	" 83
W. Bro. Watkin E. Watkins	W.M.	" 84
W. Bro. Floyd Hudson Derrick	W.M.	" 85
Bro. Wm. W. Christie	S.W.	" 85
Bro. Waldon Crews	J.W.	" 85
W. Bro. Frank William Keyte	W.M.	" 87
W. Bro. Frederick Henry Sutherland	W.M.	" 89
W. Bro. Wm. Henry Haliburton	W.M.	" 91
W. Bro. Charles Kelly	W.M.	" 96
W. Bro. Thos. Williams	W.M.	" 100
W. Bro. George D. McElroy	W.M.	" 101
W. Bro. Howard Grey Arnold	W.M.	" 103
W. Bro. Frank Vickers	W.M.	" 108
Bro. George Hedges	J.W.	" 108
Bro. John Philip Watters	J.W.	" 109
W. Bro. Wm. Cawdron	W.M.	" 111
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OPENING

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM and with prayer.

The M.W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

Grand Lodge was called off for the purpose of receiving His Worship Mayor Huckvale of the City of Medicine Hat. His Worship briefly addressed the brethren and extended to them the freedom of the city, after which he retired and Grand Lodge resumed labor.

R.W. Bro. W. H. Williams, D.D.G.M. of the Second Masonic District, delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the two lodges located in the City of Medicine Hat, and outlined the arrangements made for the entertainment of the delegates during their stay in the City of Medicine Hat.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The roll of Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge was then called by the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Representatives present were welcomed by the Grand Master and accorded Grand Honors. M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood replied in fitting terms on behalf of the Grand Representatives to the welcome extended by the Grand Master.

MINUTES

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by M.W. Bro. Thos. McNabb (4), "That the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Eighteenth Annual Communication held in the City of Calgary on June 13th and 14th, 1923, and as appear in the printed proceedings, be taken as read and confirmed."

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. and A.M.:

Brethren:

It is a great privilege and pleasure to welcome you in this Nineteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and as we enter upon this session our first desire and duty is to render to the Great Architect of the Universe our sincere thanks for the many blessings that have been bestowed upon us during the past year and to ascribe to Him all credit for whatever measure of good has been accomplished by our Fraternity since last we met.

I have been deeply sensible of the high honor conferred upon me in electing me to the office of Grand Master and have many times felt the lack of ability to deal with the many problems with which I was confronted, but aided by the splendid counsel and advice of my predecessors and the spirit of kindness, co-operation and love of the brethren throughout the entire jurisdiction, these problems have been rendered less difficult and transformed into joys and pleasures.

My heart is filled with gratitude for the aid, wise counsels and timely suggestions given me by the officers of Grand Lodge and our honored Past Grand Masters who have been my strong support throughout the year.

If the rulings of the Grand Master have not at all times met with your approval, please remember that he has striven to carry out the provisions of the Constitution, by which he and all Masons are bound, and to promote the best interests of Freemasonry. In this connection let me enjoin all Masons, and especially Masters of lodges, to familiarize themselves with the provisions of the book of Constitutions. By reason of the failure to do so, considerable unnecessary correspondence was entailed upon the Grand Secretary and myself.

It is very gratifying that, having passed over the peak of abnormal activity, our Fraternity is adjusting itself to a more healthy basis on which to work and the lodges are putting into practice more than ever before the sublime principles taught in our charges and lectures and working toward the strengthening and building up of the spirit of Freemasonry.

Peace and harmony have prevailed generally throughout the jurisdiction this year and I am pleased to be able to state that only on one occasion was I called upon to appoint a commission to try a brother against whom a charge of unmasonic conduct had been laid.

I sincerely hope that we may, in every lodge, accomplish the high aim of making every candidate a real Mason, to go forth a living example of the principles of our Order.

NECROLOGY

It is fitting that, before entering upon the business of the session, we pause for a few moments to pay our respects to the memory of those

departed. Let us humbly thank the Great Architect of the Universe that it has pleased Him to leave unbroken the ranks of our Grand Lodge Officers since we met one year ago.

During the past year, the "Grim Reaper" has, however, taken his usual toll and seventy of our brethren have been called to their Eternal Home. The remains of these brethren were given Masonic burial by their home lodges.

"That as ships meet again at a future date
When they land at foreign piers,
So we shall meet our brethren again,
In that realm where there are no tears."

A number of our Sister Grand Jurisdictions have suffered in the loss of distinguished brethren who have served faithfully in the ranks for many years. To all those who have been so bereaved we tender our loving and heart-felt sympathy. The Committee on Fraternal Dead will pay fitting tribute to these distinguished brethren.

WARRANTS

My first important duty as Grand Master was to constitute and consecrate the three lodges which had received their charters at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge and also to install the officers of these lodges.

On July 16th I proceeded to Hussar by way of Bassano and was accompanied by R.W. Bro. Nesbitt of Brooks, R.W. McCaugherty of Bassano and V.W. Bro. McBain of Medicine Hat. Upon my arrival at Hussar I was joined by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, and V.W. Bros. H. R. Chauncey and W. A. Ackland of Calgary. There was a good attendance of the brethren of Hussar Lodge. The ceremony of the constitution and consecration of the lodge took place during the afternoon and the installation of W. Bro. Hugh Stainsleigh and investiture of his officers took place during the evening, after which a very interesting address was delivered by V.W. Bro. Chauncey, who took for his subject "The Beginning and Development of Masonry," and also by M.W. Bro. Taylor on "The Fundamental Principles of our Order."

On July 18th we proceeded by way of Edmonton to Stony Plain. On this occasion the Grand Secretary and myself were accompanied by R.W. Bro. Horace P. Reid, Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bros. H. Sandilands and A. M. Mitchell, Past D.D.G.M.'s; R.W. Bro. J. D. Mackenzie, D.D.G.M. District No. 12; R.W. Bro. J. Milner, D.D.G.M. District No. 10, and V.W. Bro. John Rae, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Notwithstanding the very bad condition of the roads, there was a good turnout of the brethren of Meridian Lodge. Following our usual custom, the ceremony of constituting and consecrating this lodge took place during the afternoon session and the installation of the officers in the evening. We received every kindness and attention at the hands of the brethren of Stony Plain. We are especially indebted to R.W. Bro. Mitchell and W. Bro. Ingram for conveying us to Stony Plain by auto.

Again accompanied by the Grand Secretary, we proceeded on July 20th to Kitscoty for the purpose of constituting and consecrating this lodge. We had the pleasure of the company of R.W. Bros. H. Sandilands, J. Milner and E. D. Crump and a delegation from Lloydminster Lodge,

under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. We were warmly welcomed and highly entertained by the brethren of Kitscoty at the conclusion of the installation ceremonies. We have reason to believe that each of these new lodges will have a bright and prosperous future.

MY VISIT TO THE FAR NORTH

It has been the practice of my predecessors in office, as well as of other Grand Lodge Officers to make an annual visit to the five lodges located in the far North. I was very unfortunate indeed in not having the pleasure and company of the M.W. the Grand Secretary, who is also one of the Custodians of the Work, as at that time his health was not of the best and it would have been unwise for him to have undertaken so great a journey. His presence and company, as well as his kind advice, were greatly missed by myself and by the brethren of District No. 13, especially in view of the fact that all of these lodges are somewhat isolated from the rest of the Jurisdiction. A number of questions could have been answered more satisfactorily by him, had he been present.

Feeling that I should have the company of some worthy brother and feeling unable to meet some of the demands of these lodges in their particular work, I directed the Grand Secretary to invite R.W. Bro. Samuel Harris, Past D.D.G.M. of this district, who lives at High Prairie, to accompany me, which he very kindly consented to do.

I left Edmonton on Monday, the 23rd day of July, and was joined by R.W. Bro. Harris at High Prairie early on the morning of the following day and arrived at Grande Prairie at 4.00 o'clock in the afternoon. We were met at the station by a number of the brethren of Grande Prairie who gave us a very kind welcome and made R.W. Bro. Harris and myself feel at once that we were among friends. It would be impossible to forget the many kindnesses showered upon us while there.

After refreshing ourselves we were taken for an auto drive and shown a most beautiful country, arriving back at the hotel at about 11.00 o'clock in the evening.

On the following day, through the kindness of R.W. Bro. Wm. Grant, D.D.G.M. of District No. 13, who placed himself and his auto at our service, we were again driven over a vast extent of country. In the evening we visited Lake Saskatoon Lodge, No. 106, at Lake Saskatoon. W. Bro. McLean, W.M. of the lodge, occupied the chair. It was my pleasing duty to install R.W. Bro. William Grant as D.D.G.M. of District No. 13, as he was unable to be present at our last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. W. Bro. McLean conferred the E.A. degree on a candidate in a very creditable manner.

The lodge was then closed in harmony, after which we repaired to the banquet hall where a very pleasing time was spent. Our thanks are due to the brethren of Lake Saskatoon and their ladies for their kind hospitality.

On Thursday, the 26th day of July, we visited Grande Prairie Lodge, No. 105, and were received by a very enthusiastic gathering of members of the lodge. W. Bro. B. F. Harmer occupied the Master's chair. I was accompanied on this occasion by R.W. Bro. Wm. Grant, D.D.G.M. of this district, and also by R.W. Bros. Samuel Harris and W. S. Pearcy, Past D.D.G.M.'s of this district. W. Bro. Harmer conferred the F.C. degree

in a very able manner, after which the brethren spent a most pleasant and profitable evening around the banquet table.

On Friday, the 27th of July, through the kindness of R.W. Bro. Wm. Grant, who again placed his auto at our service, and in company with R.W. Bro. Samuel Harris, R.W. Bro. Percy and W. Bro. Belcher—known at Grande Prairie as the "Judge"—we left Grande Prairie at 10.00 a.m. and journeyed to Spirit River, a distance of about 65 miles, arriving at about 1.00 o'clock p.m. We were met by R.W. Bro. R. R. Macleod, Past D.D.G.M. and Secretary of Spirit River Lodge, No. 176, who extended a very hearty welcome to us.

At 8.00 o'clock lodge was opened by W. Bro. George F. Peek, W.M. of the lodge, who, after receiving myself and the brethren who accompanied me, conferred the E.A. degree in a most creditable manner. A number of interesting addresses were delivered and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

On Saturday, the 28th of July, we journeyed to Peace River, a distance of about 95 miles, arriving there at about 5.00 o'clock p.m. It was a wet drizzly morning and we found considerable difficulty in completing the journey. R.W. Bros. Harris and Percy and W. Bro. Harmer accompanied me on this trip. I may say that we missed our friend R.W. Bro. Dr. M. E. Grimshaw, as he was unable to attend lodge owing to continued illness. He however put in an appearance at the banquet in the Great War Veterans' Association Hall.

The third degree was conferred during the evening by W. Bro. Stewart, W.M. of the lodge, after which many questions were asked and answered concerning the Work. A program of addresses and music concluded a very enjoyable evening.

On Sunday morning, the 29th day of July, R.W. Bro. Harris and I left Peace River at 5.00 in the morning on a cattle train, through the kindness of the station agent. We had lunch at McLennan and arrived at High Prairie, the home of R. W. Bro. Harris, at 4.00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On the following day Bro. Harris invited me to have dinner at his home on the farm, which I gladly accepted. Bro. Spaulding kindly put himself and his car at our service and showed us several places of interest, one of them being the old Hudson Bay Company Post at Grouard, located at the head of the Great Slave Lake.

I visited Wahpun Lodge, No. 88, High Prairie, in the evening. There was a very fair attendance of members present and a very interesting meeting was held. We afterwards repaired to the hotel where a splendid banquet was served by W. Bro. Spaulding in his usual able manner.

On the afternoon of Tuesday, the 31st of July, I left High Prairie for Edmonton, leaving a great many kind and warm friends made during my official visits, which I hope were of profit to the brethren as they were of great pleasure to me. I wish to express my sincere appreciation to R.W. Bro. Samuel Harris for his kind assistance while sojourning in the Thirteenth Masonic District.

I feel that the time has come when the brethren of this district should fall in line with the other fourteen districts of this Grand Jurisdiction and hold their Annual District Meeting at some central point.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Following the practice now firmly established in this Grand Jurisdiction, and in accordance with the requirements laid down by our Constitution, we arranged for the holding of lodges of instruction in each of the fourteen districts of the province.

These meetings were held during the month of October and the first week of November at places previously agreed upon by the brethren of the various lodges in each district. The actual date of the meeting was fixed so as to make it possible for the officers of Grand Lodge in attendance at these meetings to travel from one district to another with a minimum of expense and loss of as little time as possible.

I am pleased to record the fact that at every district meeting I was ably supported by many of the senior officers, as well as Past Grand Masters of this Grand Jurisdiction and I am deeply indebted to them for the help which they gave me on every occasion. They did very much to make these meetings profitable to all.

Each meeting was presided over by the D.D.G.M. of the district who, in every instance, had the program for the afternoon and evening sessions well arranged for and was untiring in his efforts to make his district meeting just a little better than that of former years. I desire to thank these brethren personally for the excellent support they have given me in this matter during the year. They showed their willingness on every occasion to carry out my wishes with regard to these meetings.

M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, and also one of the Custodians of the Work, was present at every District Meeting, while M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, the other Custodian of the Work, attended nine of these District Meetings. The Custodians gave valuable instruction to the brethren and answered all questions relating to the conduct of the Work. In view of the fact that M.W. Bro. Connacher is a very busy man and must have found it very difficult to be absent from his office for so great a length of time, I feel that I am especially indebted to him for his presence, assistance and support at these meetings.

At each of these District Meetings the local brethren entertained the Grand Lodge Officers and attending brethren at a banquet, which was followed by an interesting program of addresses and music, which was much enjoyed by all.

From my experience and observation during the past year, I am fully convinced of the value of these District Meetings as a means of establishing uniformity of Work in each of our lodges and of educating the brethren as to what Masonry is and what it stands for. As the District Meeting is perhaps the only assembly of Masons at which a large number of members of our lodges are privileged to attend, they look forward to this meeting with as much interest as the members of Grand Lodge do to their Annual Communication.

On September 15, 1923, I received a communication from R. W. Bro. A. T. Turner, D.D.G.M., of the Fourth Masonic District, tendering his resignation of the office on account of his intention to remove from the district in a short time. I accepted his resignation and directed the Grand

Secretary to notify the brethren of the various lodges in District No. 4 that at their District Meeting, to be held at Innisfail, on Thursday, October 25th, an election would take place for the purpose of electing a successor to R. W. Bro. Dr. Turner as well as the regular election of D.D.G.M. for the ensuing Masonic Year. These elections took place and R. W. Bro. S. J. Byers, of Kitchener Lodge, No. 95, Rimbey, was the choice of the delegates, as a successor to R. W. Bro. Turner.

At the Annual Meeting of the Second Masonic District, held in the Town of Bassano, on Tuesday, October 23, V. W. Bro. R. S. Hodge, of Quarry Lodge, No. 70, Redcliff, was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing Masonic Year. On April 9, 1924, I received a communication from him stating that, owing to circumstances beyond his control, he desired to resign from the office to which he had been elected. I accepted his resignation and directed the Grand Secretary to notify all the lodges in District No. 2 that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge the representatives of the district would be called upon to elect a D.D.G.M., for next year.

LODGE LIBRARIES

I am very pleased to state that at each of our District Meetings the Grand Secretary emphasized the importance of establishing a library in each of our lodges. We commend our several lodges which have purchased a considerable number of books and are taking an active interest in promoting this important matter. I cannot too highly recommend the desirability of purchasing each year a number of books dealing with Masonic subjects, in order that our brethren may become better informed through this medium.

JOINT INSTALLATION

It was my pleasing duty on the night of St. John the Evangelist to attend a joint meeting of Quarry Lodge, No. 70, Redcliff, Suffield Lodge, No. 85, Suffield, and two lodges in the City of Medicine Hat, for the purpose of installing the Worshipful Masters and investing the other officers of these lodges. I was assisted by R. W. Bro. W. H. Williams, D.D.G.M., District No. 2, and also by R. W. Bros. Jesse Elliott and W. H. Doty, besides a number of other distinguished brethren.

This meeting was the best ever held in District No. 2 for that purpose. The splendid spirit of co-operation and good fellowship, as well as the enthusiasm shown by the large number of brethren present, speaks well for the harmony existing throughout this district.

After the conclusion of the installation ceremony, the brethren of Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2, gave me a most pleasing surprise by presenting me with a life membership certificate, thus making me a life member of their lodge. I wish to express to the brethren of this lodge, of which I have been for many years a member, my sincere thanks for the great honor which they have conferred upon me.

On the evening of December 28th, I attended a joint installation of the officers of Brooks Lodge, No. 73, Bassano Lodge, No. 55, and Hussar Lodge, No. 130, at the Town of Brooks. R. W. Bro. W. H. Williams, D.D.G.M., accompanied me on this occasion, R. W. Bros. Struthers, Dr. Anderson, Nesbitt and Macadam, all Past D.D.G.M.'s, were also present and gave me their very kind assistance. The proceedings of the

evening passed off very harmoniously and I desire to convey my thanks to all the brethren who assisted me in making this joint meeting a success.

DEDICATION

I had much pleasure in accepting the invitation of Crescent Lodge, No. 87, Calgary, to attend a special meeting of their lodge on September 25, 1923, called for the purpose of dedicating their new lodge premises for the purposes of Masonry, in conformity with the usages and customs of our Craft. We were favored with a large attendance of Grand Lodge Officers, as well as delegations from the various lodges in the City of Calgary. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, short addresses were delivered by a number of the senior officers of Grand Lodge.

This young lodge is to be commended for the zeal and energy shown by them in providing for themselves a lodge room neatly furnished and sufficiently commodious to meet their requirements for many years to come.

I regret that, owing to illness, I was unable to be present at and conduct the ceremony of dedication of the Masonic Hall at Carbon, on May 13, 1924, and also of the Masonic Hall at Hussar, on May 15, 1924. M. W. Bro. S. J. Blair, P.G.M., kindly consented to conduct these ceremonies on both occasions. At both of these gatherings there was a large attendance, not only of the brethren of the lodge interested, but also of the surrounding lodges. I am indebted to M. W. Bro. Blair for his kind services in this connection. I desire, also, to congratulate these two lodges upon establishing a well-equipped home for themselves for Masonic purposes.

BENEVOLENCE

During my term as Grand Master I have taken a great interest in the work of the Benevolence Committee. Although I was not able to be present at all of their meetings, yet it was my duty to keep in close touch with the Committee on this most important work. A full report of their actions will be presented during the sessions of this communication.

It has been my pleasure at the several meetings which I have attended, to announce to the brethren in the different parts of this Grand Jurisdiction the fact that the committee has been able to meet, in all cases, the needs presented to them. Every request for financial assistance was very thoroughly investigated and in all cases justice has been done to the applicant.

The demands on this Relief Fund are getting greater from year to year as our lodges and our membership increase in numbers. At the end of our Financial Year approximately \$8,000.00 was distributed by the Committee to those in need. I desire to state that I am heartily in accord with my two predecessors that further steps are necessary to round out and complete this fund. As each new member initiated into our Order becomes a potential beneficiary of this fund, it seems only fit and proper that each initiate should have a chance to be on an equal with the brethren who have established the fund by their contributions to date. The capital Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge is gradually increasing from year to year but we are also experiencing increasing demands annually.

Brethren, I feel I should not leave this great and important subject without reminding Grand Lodge of the Good and faithful service rendered by the Committee on Benevolence during the past year. This Com-

mittee of Grand Lodge functions continuously throughout the year. They have met regularly once a month and have also held special meetings to consider special and important cases. Personal investigation of each application by some brother, having the confidence of this Committee, has been required, and some of the more serious and important cases have been personally investigated by our most worthy and highly esteemed brother, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, who is always on the job and is willing and ready at all times to render service to this great body.

NEW LODGES

On December 12, 1923, I issued a dispensation to sixty brethren of the City of Calgary, to form a new lodge, to be known as Renfrew Lodge. Under the able direction of R. W. Bro. J. E. Johnson, as W. M., I have every reason to believe that this lodge will be a valuable addition to the lodges now successfully operating in the City of Calgary.

I visited this lodge on April 9, 1924, and spent a very pleasant evening with the brethren. I understand that arrangements have been made for the delivering of an address on some Masonic subject at each of their meetings and that it is their intention to emphasize this important feature of Freemasonry. I did not witness any degree work but no doubt this will be reported upon by the D.D.G.M. of this district.

On April 23, 1924, I issued a dispensation to ten brethren residing in or near the Town of Alliance to form a lodge. I am informed that this lodge was instituted by R. W. Bro. A. W. Dickson, D.D.G.M., District No. 5, on May 9, 1924.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

To fill the vacancies which have occurred in the list of our representatives for foreign jurisdictions. I have confirmed the following recommendations made by the Grand Masters of the respective Grand Lodges, namely:

R. W. Bro. Frederick Wm. Buckham, United Grand Lodge of Queensland.

R. W. Bro. Henry S. Johnston, Perry, Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

W. Bro. Geo. M. Evans, Washington, Grand Lodge of District of Columbia.

W. Bro. Harry Darwin DuBois, Safford, Grand Lodge of Arizona.

M. W. Bro. Wm. H. Swintz, Indianapolis, Grand Lodge of Indiana.

W. Bro. Earl M. Bolen, Ulysses, Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

To represent foreign Grand Lodges, near this Grand Lodge, the following members have been commissioned:

On the nomination of M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, made during his year of office as Grand Master, commission was issued by the Grand Lodge of Maryland to R. W. Bro. Robert Pearson, of Calgary.

On my nomination, commissions were issued by foreign Grand Lodges as follows:

W. Bro. Wm. E. Lord, Red Deer, Alta., Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

W. Bro. George T. Bragg, Edmonton, Alta., Grand Lodge of Indiana.

COMMISSIONS

Upon request of Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 92, at Edmonton, I appointed M. W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, R. W. Bro. Horace P. Reid and R. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, a commission to try a brother against whom a charge of unmasonic conduct had been laid. The commission found the charges to be true and the brother was indefinitely suspended from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry. They recommended to Grand Lodge that he be expelled.

DISPENSATIONS

I granted dispensations to eight lodges to receive and act upon the petitions of candidates for initiation with physical defect. In every case I was assured that these candidates could literally comply with the requirements of our Work.

There were several requests from lodges for dispensations to rebalot within the prescribed time on candidates who had been previously rejected by their lodge. As the reasons given in each case were not, in my opinion, sufficient to warrant such action, I refused such requests.

CONSTITUTIONS

In view of the fact that our present edition of the Constitution has been exhausted and that it would be necessary to have a new edition authorized at this communication of Grand Lodge, I appointed M. W. Bros. F. S. Selwood, W. M. Connacher, J. H. W. S. Kemmis, S. J. Blair and the Grand Secretary a committee to revise the Constitution and prepare such amendments thereto as they considered necessary and have notice of these amendments included in the official notice of our Annual Communication, so that the same may be in order for presentation and consideration at this Annual Communication.

These amendments have been considered by the brethren of our lodges and will be presented to you during the session for your ratification or amendment.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, brethren, I wish to thank you all for the great honor you bestowed upon me a year ago when you elected me to the exalted office of Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction. I have tried to the best of my ability to fulfil the duties of the office.

I have, on all occasions, received the hearty support and assistance of the officers of Grand Lodge and the brethren generally and I desire to gratefully acknowledge the many acts of kindness which I have received at their hands. I am especially grateful that peace and harmony have continued to exist in our lodges during the year and trust that brotherly love and prosperity may abound throughout the years to come.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE MURRAY,
Grand Master.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. John Gillespie (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. E. Johnson (134), "That the Grand Master's address as presented be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters and telegrams were read from the following brethren, expressing their regret at being unable to attend the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge: M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, M.W. Bro. J. Watson Young, M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe, R.W. Bro. George W. Kerby, R.W. Bro. James Holden, R.W. Bro. R. W. Manley, R.W. Bro. Frank W. Bell, R.W. Bro. S. Middleton, W. Bro. S. R. Farquharson.

Telegrams were received from Sister Grand Jurisdictions as follows:

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 10, 1924.

S. Y. Taylor,
Grand Secretary,
Medicine Hat, Alta.

The Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Wisconsin, in its Eightieth Annual Communication extends fraternal greetings to the Grand Lodge of Alberta. May wisdom contrive, strength support and beauty adorn your undertakings.

CHARLES F. JAMB,
Grand Master.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, June 11, 1924.

S. Y. Taylor,
Grand Secretary,
Medicine Hat, Alta.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba at this, their Forty-ninth Annual Communication, send you this expression of regard and esteem. May harmony and prosperity be continually with you.

WILLIAM J. MAJOR,
Grand Master.

Des Moines, Iowa, June 10, 1924.

S. Y. Taylor,
Grand Secretary,
Medicine Hat, Alta.

The Grand Lodge of Iowa now assembled at Des Moines sends fraternal greetings and best wishes to our brethren at Alberta and trusts that your Nineteenth Annual Communication may be most harmonious and successful.

MILO J. GABRIEL,
Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary was instructed to make suitable reply to each of these congratulatory messages. The following telegrams were dispatched:

Medicine Hat, June 11, 1924.

W. W. Perry, Esq.,
Grand Secretary,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta reciprocates fraternal greetings and trusts that your Eightieth Annual Communication may be most harmonious and successful.

GEORGE MURRAY,
Grand Master.

James Ovas, Esq.,
Grand Secretary,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Medicine Hat, June 11, 1924.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta acknowledges its appreciation of your fraternal greetings and trusts that your Forty-ninth Annual Communication of our Mother Grand Lodge may be the most successful in its history.

GEORGE MURRAY,
Grand Master.

Medicine Hat, June 11, 1924.

Newton R. Parvin, Esq.,
Grand Secretary,
Des Moines, Iowa.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta appreciates your warm expression of good will and extends its greetings and very best wishes for a most prosperous and harmonious Annual Communication.

GEORGE MURRAY,
Grand Master.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Charters and New Lodges beg to submit the following report:

MANYBERRIES LODGE, AT MANYBERRIES

We are pleased to find the minute book of the lodge in good order and the historical register well up to date. In the register of attendance we regret that at some of the meetings signatures have been made in pencil, instead of ink, also that in the records of the meeting of July 11, 1923, business was transacted and a ballot taken with only four members having signed the register.

RENFREW LODGE, AT CALGARY

We found all the books of this lodge in first-class order and well kept.

CRAIGMYLE LODGE, AT CRAIGMYLE

While the minutes of this lodge have been faithfully and well entered, the minute book is not kept in the form prescribed by the Constitution and in a number of cases the Worshipful Master signed in pencil. In the registration of attendance many signatures are also made in pencil. Otherwise, the books are well kept and in good order.

We would recommend that a charter be granted to Manyberries Lodge, at Manyberries, Renfrew Lodge, at Calgary, and Craigmyle Lodge, at Craigmyle, and that a continuance of the dispensance to Alliance Lodge, at Alliance, be granted by this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,
W. E. MERCER,
S. J. BLAIR.

Resolved, on motion of W. Bro. W. E. Mercer (1), seconded by M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), "That the report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges be received and adopted."

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

Calgary, May 15, 1924

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother.

I have pleasure in presenting my report for Masonic District No. 1, which is the largest now in the jurisdiction, extending from Banff, 82 miles West, to Gleichen, about 50 miles east of Calgary, in all fifteen lodges.

The following are the dates of my official inspections:

Sept.	7	Calgary Lodge, No. 23.
Sept.	9	Crescent Lodge, No. 87.
Oct.	1	Strathmore Lodge, No. 53.
Oct.	6	Concord Lodge, No. 124.
Oct.	11	Ashlar Lodge, No. 28.
Oct.	16	Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 54.
Oct.	18	Cascade Lodge, No. 5, Banff.
Oct.	19	King Solomon Lodge, No. 41, Cochrane.
Oct.	23	Perfection Lodge, No. 9.
Nov.	6	Zetland Lodge, No. 83.
Nov.	9	King George Lodge, No. 59.
Nov.	13	Crescent Lodge, No. 87.
Nov.	21	Bow River Lodge, No. 1.
Nov.	26	St. Mark's Lodge, No. 118.
Nov.	27	Gleichen Lodge, No. 36, Gleichen.
Dec.	12	Instituted Renfrew Lodge, U.D.
Dec.	27	Installed Officers, Strathmore Lodge, No. 53.
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Feb.	25	St. Mark's Lodge, No. 118.
March	13	Ashlar Lodge, No. 28.
March	18	Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 54.
March	21	King George Lodge, No. 54.
April	5	Concord Lodge, No. 124.
April	18	Calgary Lodge, No. 23.
April	9	Renfrew Lodge, U.D.
April	15	Zetland Lodge, No. 83.
April	16	Bow River Lodge, No. 1.
April	29	Crescent Lodge, No. 87.
May	6	Perfection Lodge, No. 9.

I very much regret that, owing to time and circumstances, I was unable to visit the other country lodges a second time, as I feel that more good can really be accomplished by visits to them both by Grand Lodge Officers and city lodges.

In almost every instance I found the lodges in very good shape, as far as Ritual and Ceremonial was concerned, and the books being kept in accordance with the Constitution; in some cases records were not being cared for properly and attention was drawn to the matter and on my second visit found that these had been attended to.

I wish to draw particular attention to the work of the Secretary of St. Mark's Lodge for the accuracy and precision of his records. The Secretary of Zetland Lodge is also to be congratulated for the magnificent manner in which the records of that lodge are kept. I would also draw attention to the Historical Register of Perfection Lodge, which has been written up in a very comprehensive manner. The other lodge records are in most cases in very excellent shape and the lodges, as a whole, are to be congratulated on their selection of Secretaries.

THE DISTRICT MEETING

On assuming office, I consulted the various lodges as to the most suitable date on which to hold the Annual District Meeting and received a unanimous suggestion that soon after the new Calendar year would be the best for many reasons. However, at the request of the M.W. the Grand Master, the meeting was held in November.

I cannot say that the results were gratifying to me, as I always felt that the city lodges have so many advantages and opportunities for improving themselves in Ritualistic and Ceremonial Work that the cost and time of a District Meeting was hardly justified and the large attendance at this meeting was mainly due to the personal regard held for the Grand Master and the reasons which he gave for holding the meeting and not for the instruction afforded and to me the meeting was of very little real value to Masonry.

RENFREW LODGE, U.D.

As above mentioned, on December 12th, I had the pleasure of instituting Renfrew Lodge, in the City of Calgary. A very large number of brethren were present and the lodge received a splendid start. I have very carefully watched their progress and have every confidence in the officers, that they have a very good knowledge of Masonry and its teachings. I again inspected the lodge on April 9th and from that inspection, as well as from very careful scrutiny have very great pleasure in recommending that a Charter be granted to Renfrew Lodge.

DISTRICT SECRETARY

On assuming office, I appointed Bro. D. S. McIlroy of Ashlar Lodge No. 28 as District Secretary, and I wish to especially commend him for his splendid services. He was always ready and willing to do service to the district. He was with me on most of my visits and very materially assisted me during the whole period just finished. If it were possible, I would like to see this office, in some way, recognized by Grand Lodge.

I wish also to extend thanks to M.W. Bro.'s Macdonald and Kemmis, who on one or two occasions were present on my official visits, and their advice to the lodges in question was always well received.

I started out, as your D.D.G.M., very proud of my district, and at this moment, when I surrender my commission as your representative, I feel that I have every reason to be more than proud of the district and of those who are enrolled as members of its many lodges.

I hope my work has been acceptable to you. I have tried to do my duty (as I saw it) conscientiously and for the best interests of Masonry. The past year has been one of great pleasure and profit to me and it is with a tinge of regret I lay aside the mantle of office; but as I stand aside,

I have a firm conviction that as the lodges of District No. 1 move onward and upward in the accomplishment of their glorious mission, the members will, by the lives they live, by the deeds they do, and by the work they accomplish, show to the world that the lessons of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, the lessons, Faith, Hope and Charity, so often taught around our sacred altars have in this District fallen on rich soil to the honour and glory of our Grand and Almighty Master and the highest good of the brethren.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. DAVIS,
D.D.G.M., District No. 1.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

Medicine Hat, May 21, 1924.

To the M.W. the Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. on the condition of Masonry in the Second Masonic District.

Before going fully into this report, permit me to express my appreciation to the brethren of the district for the honor they conferred on me in electing me to this office, and also for the kindness and courtesies extended to me at all times during my tenure of office; also to thank the brethren of Medicine Hat and Redcliff, who so willingly furnished their cars to enable numerous enthusiastic brethren to accompany me on many of my official visits.

I visited all the lodges, with one exception, and I regret that, owing to an accident, I was deprived of that privilege, but the W.M. of Hussar Lodge No. 130 assured me that all is well.

I found in all of my visits a spirit of brotherly love everywhere manifest. Harmonious conditions existed in all lodges in the district, with one exception. Quarry Lodge, No. 70, at Redcliff, which condition I think will work itself out, at least I sincerely hope so.

All of the books in the district are in good condition with the exception of the historical registers. In this I find that several lodges have no entries for a number of years, but the respective secretaries have promised me that this matter will receive their earliest attention.

On the whole, Masonry in this district is in a healthy condition despite the crop failures that have been experienced and while it shows a decrease in membership for the year, yet the average attendance is good and the members of the country lodges are to be congratulated thereon, as some of them have to drive a distance of thirty-five miles to attend lodge.

I am sorry to have to report that the resignation of V.W. Bro. R. S. Hodge, D.D.G.M. elect, of Quarry Lodge No. 70, for this district, was placed in my hands and was accepted by the Grand Master. His successor is to be elected and installed at this session of Grand Lodge.

I have taken up the matter of libraries with the different lodges in the district and I am pleased to report that the Medicine Hat lodges have

equipped a library, purchasing all the books recommended by Grand Lodge in their circular, and this library is being well patronized.

The following are short reports of my several visits:

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in the town of Bassano on Tuesday, the 23rd day of October, 1923, in accordance with the resolution passed at the last District Meeting held in the City of Medicine Hat. The M.W. the Grand Master, Bro. George Murray, the Grand Secretary, W.M. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, as Custodian of the Canadian Rite Work, and M.W. Bro. W.M. Connacher, as Custodian of the York Rite Work, were the Grand Lodge officers present. The attendance was smaller than last year on account of the meeting being held at the most extreme west end of the district, but what it lacked in numbers was more than made up in enthusiasm. Officers of Mizpah Lodge No. 35, Medicine Hat, opened the lodge at 2.30 p.m., and some inspiring addresses were given at this session by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor in connection with the Canadian Work. R.W. Bro. Nesbitt spoke on Masonic History and W. Bro. George Travis on Masonic Assemblies.

The evening session was in charge of the officers of Bassano Lodge and a considerable amount of information was gained by all present, in view of the fact that there is a preponderance of York Rite lodges in this district, and the questions were shot at M.W. Bro. Connacher thick and fast, and rulings on many contentious questions were obtained. Bro. Lyttle of Bassano Lodge gave us an address on Mormonism and Masonry, which was very instructive and much appreciated. V.W. Bro. R. S. Hodge of Quarry Lodge No. 70, Redcliff, was elected as the next D.D.G.M. of District No. 2. Medicine Hat was decided upon as the next place of meeting of the district.

After the business of the evening was brought to a close, all the brethren adjourned to the I.O.O.F. Hall, where a sumptuous repast was partaken of, interspersed with song and story, bringing to a close one of the most enthusiastic and instructive District Meetings ever held.

MEDICINE HAT LODGE, No. 2

I paid an official visit to this, my mother lodge, on Tuesday, the 27th day of November, 1923, and had the pleasure of the Grand Master making an official visit at the same time. We received a most enthusiastic welcome, there being no less than 150 present, one of the largest meetings ever held in this city, if not the largest. We witnessed the M.M. degree conferred in a very capable manner and which leaves nothing to be desired. This lodge is in a very flourishing condition.

MIZPAH LODGE, No. 35

I paid an unofficial visit to this lodge on Tuesday, June 19, 1923, and invested V.W. Bro. P. D. Stone with the regalia of his office of Grand Pursuivant, in accordance with instructions from Grand Lodge. At this meeting the brethren were favored with a visit from M.W. Bro. R. S. Thornton, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, who gave an interesting talk on the E.A. degree. The degree of an Entered Apprentice was then excellently conferred by the lodge officers.

I paid an official visit to this lodge at the same time as the M.W. the Grand Master made his visit on Tuesday, November 6, 1923, and witnessed the exemplification of the M.M. degree by the Past Masters of the lodge in a most impressive manner. This was a very enthusiastic meeting with eighty-four present.

BASSANO LODGE, No. 55

I paid an official visit to this lodge on Tuesday, May 6, 1924, and was warmly received by the brethren. The lodge room was crowded and there were also several brethren of Hussar Lodge, No. 130, present. I witnessed the exemplification of the M.M. degree, which was done in a very creditable manner, and the lodge is to be congratulated on the splendid set of officers. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition. Great interest is taken in the work and a splendid harmonious feeling exists. This lodge is contemplating enlarging their quarters as they now find themselves cramped in their work. They have a very bright future before them.

GRASSY LAKE LODGE, No. 57

I made an official visit to this lodge on Wednesday, May 8, 1924, at an emergent communication called for the purpose, and had the pleasure of having with me from Medicine Hat, sixteen of the most enthusiastic brethren imaginable, who accompanied me to assist in making the evening a success. I had arranged with the W.M. that, on account of his not having any work to confer, I bring talent and give them a musical evening, and that the evening was a success from every standpoint is evidenced by the fact that we did not depart for our fifty-seven mile drive home until 1.30 o'clock a.m. Among the artists that took in the trip were: V.W. Bro. P. D. Stone (baritone), W. Bro. N. M. Connor (comedian), Bro. C. W. Smith (a versatile entertainer of no small ability, who kept them in screams of laughter), Bro. Charles Harper (a pianist, in a class by himself), Bro. W. Lakey (ragtime specialist, leader of the Lakey's orchestra), Bro. R. McNish (tenor), Bro. L. Monkley (baritone) and several brethren with a fund of jokes. About twenty brethren from Bow Island Lodge were also present, and a most enjoyable evening was enjoyed by the fifty brethren who sat down to partake of the splendid repast prepared by the Grassy Lake brethren at the hotel. This meeting will be long remembered by Grassy Lake Lodge.

BOW ISLAND LODGE, No. 64

Nineteen brethren from Medicine Hat and Redcliff accompanied me on my official visit to this lodge on Tuesday, April 15, 1924, and a degree team from Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2, went down and conferred the F.C. degree in an excellent manner, and this proved to be a veritable Lodge of Instruction, as there were members there from Quarry Lodge, Redcliff, Grassy Lake, Bow Island, Medicine Hat, and several visitors from foreign jurisdictions. A splendid repast was partaken of, after the regular business was disposed of. The lodge officers are very capable and enthusiastic and the prospects are good. As a result of the above meeting, about twelve of the Bow Island brethren paid a return visit to Medicine Hat on April 22nd, and witnessed the exemplification of the M.M. degree.

QUARRY LODGE, No. 70

I paid a visit to this lodge on Tuesday evening, July 3, 1923, at which I invested V.W. Bro. R. S. Hodge with the regalia of his office as Grand

Steward, in accordance with instructions from Grand Lodge. I also witnessed the F.C. degree conferred in a very creditable manner. I was accompanied on this trip by V.W. Bro. P. D. Stone and Bro. N. M. Connor of Mizpah Lodge, No. 35.

On September 4, 1923, I again visited this lodge, accompanied by twelve brethren from Medicine Hat, and assisted in conferring the M.M. degree.

On March 4, 1924, I paid an official visit with the M.W. the Grand Master. V.W. Bro. P. D. Stone, Grand Pursuivant, and V.W. Bro. R. S. Hodge, Grand Steward, were also present, also several of the brethren from Medicine Hat. We had a good meeting but were sorry to note that harmony does not exist in this lodge. The books were in good condition and the officers very capable.

I again visited this lodge on April 1, 1924, in company with the Grand Master, in an effort to cement the harmony which has been disrupted. A motion was brought forward at this meeting that the lodge dissolve and that the charter, furniture and regalia be turned over to Grand Lodge. An amended resolution was carried to lay this matter on the table until after the session of Grand Lodge to be held in June. V.W. Bro. H. H. McBain accompanied us.

BROOKS LODGE, No. 73

On December 28, 1923, I accompanied the M.W. the Grand Master, George Murray, on a visit to this lodge for the purpose of installing the officers of Bassano Lodge, No. 55, Brooks Lodge, No. 73, and Hussar Lodge, No. 130, into their respective offices for the ensuing year. The brethren of this lodge are a real live bunch of enthusiastic Masons and a royal welcome is always in store for any brother who honors them with a visit. Our stay was made pleasant in every respect. A banquet was partaken of at 7.00 o'clock p.m., at which the Grand Master and myself had an opportunity of saying a few words, after which we adjourned to the lodge room and proceeded with the ceremony. The lodges are to be congratulated in having so many of their officers present for installation from Bassano and Hussar, practically all the appointed officers being present. R.W. Bro. C. E. Anderson, who has been acting as secretary since the departure of Bro. Harding, was installed into that important office and the lodge is to be commended in having such an energetic Mason in charge of their books, which are in excellent condition.

On May 20, 1924, I again visited this lodge in company with R.W. Bro. E. A. Bell of Mizpah Lodge, No. 35, and witnessed the exemplification of the F.C. degree by the junior lodge officers, each officer moving up a step. I am truthful in saying that I never witnessed better work in this degree and the prosperity of this lodge is assured with such a staff of officers coming up. The business of this lodge is handled in a masterful manner, very snappy, without haste, and I was more than pleased with the condition of affairs, a most harmonious feeling existing. This lodge has a splendid lodge building which they own, with a small indebtedness, and they arranged at this meeting to beautify this property. This is a prosperous lodge and well managed. V.W. Bro. Wight and W. Bro. Beiber and several brethren from Bassano were present.

SUFFIELD LODGE, No. 85

I paid an official visit to this lodge on Wednesday, May 14, 1924, and had the pleasure of the company of sixteen brethren from Medicine Hat

and nine from Quarry Lodge, Redcliff. There was no work, as this lodge is situated in a district that has suffered from drought and crop failure, and as a result candidates are scarce. This lodge deserves credit for the enthusiasm displayed under such unfavorable circumstances. It has been a hard pull to keep the ship afloat, but I trust they are safe in the harbor and that they will be blessed with a bountiful harvest this year. The books are in good shape and they are fortunate to have such a secretary as Bro. A. B. Spence, who is very much interested in the work. The meeting was the largest held there since the official visit of M.W. Bro. Connacher as Grand Master in 1917, and I sincerely hope that our effort will encourage the brethren to carry on the good work.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. WILLIAMS,
D.D.G.M., District No. 2.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, May 25, 1924.

To the M.W. the Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. on the condition of Masonry in the Third Masonic District for the year 1923-1924.

During my year of office, it has been my privilege to visit every lodge in the district once, and several of them twice, and although the total membership for the district shows a decrease of six, I consider the general condition of Masonry in District No 3 to be satisfactory.

DISTRICT MEETING

On Monday, October 13, 1923, the District Meeting was held at Wainwright, and I had the pleasure of accompanying the M.W. the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, R.W. Bro. A. R. Ennis, R.W. Bro. D. Helman and Bros. Wm. Hart and Edmund Wright to that town.

In spite of adverse local conditions, which included the harvesting of an immense crop and the invasion of the town by the Thos. H. Ince Moving Picture Corporation, a successful meeting was held, although the attendance was small and it was found impossible to hold a meeting in the afternoon. Only five of the lodges in the district were represented and I consider the selection of Edmonton for the District Meeting in 1924 a wise move, as the attendance is certain to be improved.

The address of the M.W. the Grand Master and M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor were much appreciated by the brethren present, many of whom availed themselves of the opportunity to ask questions and receive instruction from M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Custodian of the work in the Canadian Rite.

W. Bro. W. L. Murdoch, of Edgerton Lodge, No. 102, was elected to the office of D.D.G.M. of District No. 3 for the ensuing year.

EDMONTON LODGE, No. 7

On May 13th I visited this lodge officially and had the pleasure of the company of M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite. There was no degree work, but the evening was profitably spent in the discussion of several important matters of vital interest to this lodge and Masonry in general in this district. The work was well and accurately done by W. Bro. J. Hill and his officers, and the records of the lodge are in first-class condition. This is the only lodge in my district practising the York Rite.

STAR OF THE WEST LODGE, No. 34

On May 6, 1924, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. H. P. Reid and Bro. P. Reilly, I motored to Leduc and officially visited this lodge. It happened to be the annual Past Masters' night and the second degree was exemplified in an excellent manner with V.W. Bro. A. Dalgleish acting as W.M. The books and records are well and accurately kept and the attendance very good, the latter, in my opinion, due in a measure, to the fact that the lodge owns the large and beautiful lodge room. At the banquet held after the meeting, many interesting speeches were made and concluded a very pleasant evening.

PALESTINE LODGE, No. 46

On February 20, 1924, I motored to Tofield, through deep snow, as the train was held up and did not leave Edmonton until 9.00 o'clock p.m. W. Bro. H. T. Ward acted as W.M., W. Bro. A. C. Dodds being in the hospital. The third degree was well exemplified and the candidate was very proficient in his work. Owing to the absence of the regular secretary, V.W. Bro. McCauley, I was unable to examine all the books, but I feel assured that they are well kept and up to date. This lodge has purchased the first selection of books for a lodge library and expect they will be of great interest to the brethren.

CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 69

On March 18, 1924, I journeyed to Viking to visit this lodge officially. After being slightly dormant for a short period, this lodge has taken on a new lease of life and under the present officers should do well. The first degree was exemplified in a creditable manner by W. Bro. Thunell and officers and the new lodge room is a very great improvement. The books are well and accurately kept by Bro. Warrior, who assures me that the historical register will be given its fair share of attention in the future.

COMMERCIAL LODGE, No. 81

I visited this lodge on Saturday, April 12, 1924, and spent a very enjoyable evening. The second degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Caldwell and the regular officers of the lodge in a very creditable manner. The Secretary, Bro. R. Cockburn, has the books and records in first class shape while the historical register, started, I believe, by W. Bro. W. C. Stirling, is the most interesting and complete record that it has been my pleasure to examine. The members of this lodge show a great deal of enthusiasm, which augurs well for future prosperity.

DYNAMIC LODGE, No. 96

On April 16, 1924, I visited this lodge and, finding the attendance small, decided to make the visit a fraternal one and to visit the lodge

officially at a later date. As the meeting was called for the conferring of degrees, this was proceeded with, W. Bro. Kelly bearing the brunt of the work. My official visit was on May 7th, when I motored down and spent a very pleasant evening. The books and records are well kept by W. Bro. R. Emond, who explained to me that a considerable amount of the large arrears of dues had been brought in. The lodge is in good condition. At the time of my visit there were no liabilities, a fair amount of cash on hand and a local relief fund.

ALBION LODGE, No. 97

This lodge, at Chauvin, is the most distant in my district, and I visited there officially on April 3, 1924. Work in the first degree was well done by W. Bro. O. Hawthorne, assisted by R.W. Bro. C. C. McKechnie and officers. Owing to the train service I had to leave before the lodge was closed, but spent a very enjoyable evening. In the absence of the secretary, on account of illness, I examined the books and records and found them in good shape. This lodge has been without ashlar since constitution, and the W.M. has promised to see that these are obtained.

EDGERTON LODGE, No. 102

On March 24, 1924, I visited Edgerton Lodge and although there was no degree work, the first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Clendennan and the regular officers. The work was well done and the officers and members very keen. Owing to severe illness, R.W. Bro. Morrow was unable to be present and I visited him at his home. W. Bro. Clendennan assures me that ashlar will be obtained for the lodge, as they have not had them since constitution. The books are well kept by Bro. Ripley and the prospects of the lodge are excellent.

VICTORY LODGE, No. 112

I visited this lodge at Jarrow on March 6, 1924, and, in spite of the weather, there was a large attendance. There were two candidates for initiation and the work in the first degree was well done. The membership of this lodge is scattered over a large area, which entails considerable travelling on the part of the brethren, and I consider the average attendance very good. The books are well kept and up to date.

UNITY LODGE, No. 51

I visited Unity Lodge, No. 51, officially on May 20th. It was an emergent meeting for the purpose of conferring the second degree. This was very well done and the standard of work in this lodge is very high. R.W. Bro. D. McIntosh has the books and records up to the minute and is an unfailing support to the lodge. This is the largest lodge in my district and is making good progress. My visit was a surprise; on three separate occasions I had to cancel arrangements made with the secretary, and I very much regret being unable to visit this lodge earlier and oftener.

BUFFALO PARK LODGE, No. 44

On May 21st I concluded my official visits of the lodges in this district by visiting my own lodge, Buffalo Park, No. 44, at Wainwright. It was a very pleasant experience to again sit in this lodge from which I have been absent since moving to Edmonton, and to meet the brethren with whom I spent so many happy years. I am very glad to be able to report that this

lodge is making excellent progress. The new members, by initiation and affiliation, are of a high calibre; the officers and Past Masters take a great interest in the work and the first degree was conferred in an efficient and impressive manner. The lodge has no liabilities; has a good cash balance; has purchased the first set of books for the lodge library and has recently started a local relief fund. The books are well kept and up to date, with the exception of the historical register, which I am promised will have immediate attention. The evening was enjoyable in every way and towards the close M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor was able to join us, and this was much appreciated by the brethren.

On March 19, 1924, I had the pleasure of accompanying the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. H. P. Reid, to West Edmonton Lodge, No. 101. Work in the third degree was exemplified by the Sitting Masters of the Edmonton lodges with W. Bro. D. Penman acting as W.M. The work was of a very high order and these brethren are to be congratuated on their skill and enthusiasm.

On all my official visits I have urged the desirability of starting a lodge library, and am very pleased to be able to report that every lodge is doing something along this line. Some have the first selection of books in their possession; some have passed the necessary resolution to purchase, but all are doing something to get a library started.

I have very much enjoyed the work this year and take this opportunity to thank the brethren for the honor that has been conferred on me and for the support given me in carrying out the duties of my office.

Faternally submitted,

FRANK W. BELL,

D.D.G.M., District No. 3.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Rimbey, May 20, 1924

To the M.W. the Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor as D.D.G.M. of Masonic District No. 4 of submitting for your consideration my report as to the condition of Masonry in this Masonic district.

I am glad to say that in spite of many difficulties I have visited officially all the lodges in this Masonic district. There is a total of 880 members in the eleven lodges in District No. 4. The average attendance at the meetings is twenty members, which, I think, taking everything into consideration, is a fair average. The net increase in membership in the district is fourteen. Affiliations numbered twelve and demissions twenty-three. Four brethren passed to the Grand Lodge above.

All the lodges seem to be active in so far that regular meetings have been held, with the exception of Crossfield Lodge, No. 48, which unfortunately lost its lodge room through fire. The total arrears is \$3,170.73, which is far too high. I find also that the lodges dispensed \$670.50 in Masonic relief, which is very commendable. The total amount shown as cash in hand is \$3,797.89, in addition to which I am pleased to report that Britannia Lodge, No. 18, returns \$600.00 in Government Bonds and Kenilworth Lodge, No. 29, returns \$800.00 in Government Bonds. The total

liabilities returned are \$398.73, and I am pleased to say that every lodge is now carrying insurance. One lodge owns its own lodge room.

Regarding the historical registers, some improvement is shown. Those lodges where the historical records were not written up in past years are now making every effort to bring them up to date. I append a more detailed report.

INNISFAIL LODGE, No. 8

I visited this lodge on February 24, 1924, accompanied by R.W. Bro. Carruthers, and witnessed the work in the M.M. degree, which was put on in a very creditable manner. I again visited this lodge on May 8, 1924, on the occasion of the presentation to R.W. Bro. J. Wilson, P.D.D.G.M., of a handsome travelling bag by the members of this lodge. Bro. Wilson was just leaving for the coast on account of his health. The attendance at this meeting was evidence of the respect and esteem which the members of the Fourth Masonic District have for R.W. Bro. Wilson, there being 75 present, among whom was a large number of P.D.D.G.M.'s, who spoke of the work done by R.W. Bro. Wilson in the early days of Masonry in the province. The officers of this lodge are very proficient in their work and the secretary's books are exceptionally well kept.

EUREKA LODGE, No. 10

On November 7, 1923, accompanied by W. Bro. Manson, Bro. Symonds, and Bro. Hickin of my own lodge, I visited this lodge, when the F.C. degree was conferred on four candidates, who deserve great credit for the way in which they passed a rigid examination. The arrears in this lodge are quite large, but I am assured that efforts will be made to reduce these at an early date. The books of this lodge are in excellent condition with the exception of the historical register, which a committee has in hand, and it will eventually be brought up to date.

RED DEER LODGE, No. 12

My official visit to the above lodge was paid on November 12, 1923, when I was accompanied by R.W. Bro. Carruthers, W. Bro. Birtch and Bro. Bradbury of Eureka Lodge, No. 10. The work put on at my visit was as usual of the very best. This lodge has the reputation of doing good work and I can vouch for the standard being maintained. All the books are well kept and the lodge is in a flourishing condition.

MOUNTAIN VIEW LODGE, No. 16

I visited this lodge on February 15, 1924, accompanied by R.W. Bro. Bliss and R.W. Bro. J. Duff. There was a good attendance at this meeting and the degree work was very good. The officers are proficient and the books are in good order. I intended to visit this lodge again on May 16th to present to R.W. Bro. Bliss a P.D.D.G.M.'s jewel, but in my unavoidable absence R.W. Bro. Duff made the presentation.

BRITANNIA LODGE, No. 18

Accompanied by several members of my own lodge, I visited the above lodge on November 1, 1923. I was pleased with the work of this lodge and found all the books in good order. A pleasing feature of the financial affairs of the lodge was the fact that \$600.00 is invested in Government Bonds.

CARSTAIRS LODGE, No. 20

On February 14, 1924, I visited this lodge and found a large number of the brethren from Didsbury present. The E.A. degree was conferred and as this was the first degree work put on by these officers, I was agreeably surprised to find that every officer was very proficient in his work. This lodge is fortunate in having a good secretary. This was shown by the state of the lodge books, which were in first-class condition.

KING HIRAM LODGE, No. 21

April 29, 1924, was the date on which I paid my official visit to this lodge, and as a number of the brethren from Olds were present, this was quite a large meeting. The M.M. degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner. An examination of the books proved the secretary to be most interested in his work.

KENILWORTH LODGE, No. 29

I visited the above lodge on November 26, 1923, and was pleased to find M.W. Bro. Botterill present and several other distinguished brethren. The work was done in pleasing fashion and all the brethren seem proficient and the lodge is doing good work. M.W. Bro. Botterill addressed the members, and I am sure all present profited thereby. The lodge books are in excellent condition, and as this is another lodge showing a return of \$800.00 in Government Bonds I am glad to make it a matter of record.

BOWDEN LODGE, No. 42

My official visit to this lodge was made on May 14, 1924, in company with Bro. Hickin of my own lodge. There was quite a number of brethren from Innisfail Lodge present, and I should like to commend the spirit shown by these brethren, as fraternal visits, I believe, are more needed. This is a small lodge with a number of their members away and they find it difficult sometimes to have the number present to put on the work as it should be done. I would suggest that the lodges nearest them should take an interest in this lodge and give them all the help possible. I would advise a little more attention to detail in writing up the minutes, as these are any lodge's record.

CROSSFIELD LODGE, No. 48

On May 13, 1924, I made an official visit to Crossfield Lodge, No. 48, when I saw the F.C. degree conferred in an excellent manner and I should like to highly commend the candidate and his instructor as in the examination the candidate proved highly skilled and reflected a great deal of credit on himself and his instructor. The books of this lodge are in excellent condition and show the secretary is interested in his work. This was a very good meeting as no hitches occurred and the work went very smoothly.

KITCHENER LODGE, No. 95

This is my own lodge and has been paid two official visits, besides which I have attended every meeting when not away on other visits. This is one of the smallest lodges in the district and is most active. The officers are proficient in their work and the books are exceptionally well kept. When there is no degree work, a paper on some Masonic subject is

usually read by one of the brethren. I would recommend this method to other lodges as the discussion which follows the paper always tends to arouse the interest of the members.

In a general survey of Masonry in the Fourth Masonic District, I find that there is a good fraternal spirit in evidence and that wherever a lodge is working, this is reflected in the community.

I believe that there is some advance towards uniformity of Work, but much still needs to be done in correcting small departures from the recognized form.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren of the Fourth Masonic District for my election to this office and to ask their forbearance in all my shortcomings. I should also like to thank the many brethren who have assisted me by their presence, often at great personal inconvenience to themselves, at almost all my official visits. It is obviously impossible to mention everyone by name in a report, so I sincerely hope that they will take the will for the deed.

Fraternally submitted,

S. J. BYERS,
D.D.G.M., District No. 4.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Hardisty, May 15, 1924.

To the M.W. the Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the Fifth Masonic District.

WETASKIWIN LODGE, No. 15

I visited this lodge on March 20th, when the E.A. degree was exemplified by the junior officers of the lodge in a manner that would reflect credit to any set of officers. This is the oldest and strongest lodge in the district, with well appointed quarters. The secretary's work is well taken care of by a veteran Mason, W. Bro. Wallace, who has fostered the interests of the Craft since the place was a mere hamlet.

CAMROSE LODGE, No. 37

I visited this lodge on August 14th. Though the night was stormy there was a fair attendance. This is one of the older lodges and is in a strong condition, being favorably situated in a good town and having a large district to draw from, making conditions ideal. The lodge is well organized under W. Bro. Robinson and the books and records are well kept.

TUSCAN LODGE, No. 43

I visited this lodge on 25th. This is a well-established lodge, having a number of Past Masters, as well as several P.D.D.G.M.'s, who help materially in organizing the work. The lodge is well officered and a good spirit appears to prevail throughout.

COMET LODGE, No. 50

This is my home lodge, at which I attended most of the meetings. I inspected the books of the lodge on December 12th and found them well kept. Though instituted some time ago, this lodge is not strong, owing to so many non-resident members. Dr. Haynes as W.M. has the work well in hand, assisted by an efficient staff of officers.

PROVOST LODGE, No. 61

I visited Provost on July 18th. The weather being very warm and some of the officers away on their holidays, the attendance was not large. The lodge appears to be active. The books are well kept by W. Bro. Fiske and the historical register is well written up. The finances are in good condition.

COAL LODGE, No. 62

I visited this lodge on August 16th. This is one of the smallest lodges of the district, but I found a good spirit of harmony prevailing among the brethren and also that they had contributed more to relief than some of the larger lodges, though it does not appear on the lodge records. The lodge is not financially strong, but they appear well able to meet their current expenses and I believe are serving the purpose of Masonry in the district.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 75

I visited this lodge on July 23rd in company with W. Bro. MacArthur of Comet Lodge. This lodge is well established and in strong financial condition. The Past Masters all appear to take a keen interest in the welfare of the lodge. R.W. Bro. Cumberland, P.D.D.G.M., as secretary, has the records of the lodge in good order. The average attendance is good.

MORNING STAR LODGE, No. 79

On April 17th I visited this lodge accompanied by W. Bro. Hollenback and W. Bro. Dr. Haynes, of Hardisty. There was a large attendance. The E.A. degree was conferred on a candidate in a very creditable manner, leaving no doubt as to their ability to perform the work well. The books are well kept and finances are in a good condition, considering that this lodge has had two fires since its formation.

EXCELSIOR LODGE, No. 80

I visited this lodge on May 15th, when the F.C. degree was conferred on a candidate. Owing to train service, I was obliged to leave before the work was completed. I believe, from the way the candidate was prepared and that portion of the work I did witness that they are well able to perform the degree work in an impressive and efficient manner. The books are apparently in good hands and the lodge is in a good financial condition.

FORESTBURG LODGE, No. 128

I visited this lodge on August 29th, accompanied by W. Bro. MacArthur of Comet Lodge. I found this new lodge in a flourishing condition. There was a good attendance, some of the members coming from as far east as Alliance. The F.C. degree was conferred on two candidates

and the work was well exemplified and left little to be desired. The books and records were well kept and I believe they have a promising future for a strong lodge at this point.

ALLIANCE LODGE, U.D.

It was my privilege to institute a lodge at Alliance on May 9th, assisted by R.W. Bro. Nichol and Past Masters from Strome, Killam, Sedgewick, Hardisty and Forestburg. There was a large attendance from nearby lodges, including R.W. Bro. Auxier and a number of brethren from District No. 9, to usher this new lodge into being.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in Hardisty on October 17th, most of the lodges in the district being represented. Owing to recent rains and the busy season, the attendance was not large. The M.W. the Grand Master, Bro. George Murray, and Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, were the principal speakers of the occasion, as well as R.W. Bro. Dr. Butler, of Wilkie, Saskatchewan.

I am pleased to report that Masonry is in a prosperous condition throughout the district. All of the lodges appear to have good, able secretaries, the importance of which we cannot emphasize too strongly.

Throughout my term of office I have endeavored to encourage the formation of study clubs and the starting of lodge libraries. Wetaskiwin Lodge was the only lodge I visited that had a library, although I understand that Harmony Lodge of Sedgewick has since made a move in that direction.

In conclusion, I must say how deeply sensible I am of the honor paid me in electing me as D.D.G.M. of this district and the pleasure it has given me in carrying out my duties connected with that office, although I am aware of my own limitations. I wish to thank those who accompanied me on my visits, as well as furnishing transportation in some instances, and finally for the willing co-operation in assisting me and the cordial reception and kind hospitality tendered me.

Fraternally submitted,

A. W. DICKSON,
D.D.G.M., District No. 5.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Claresholm, May 12, 1924.

To the M.W. the Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the Sixth Masonic District for the year 1923-24, as follows:

It has been my privilege to visit each lodge in the district once, and in some cases twice or more, during the year. The condition of Masonry in this district is very satisfactory and good fellowship is displayed in all the lodges. While no large increases have been made by Masonic District No. 6, it has been successful in instilling into its new members a very

good Masonic spirit. It has been my pleasure to witness the conferring of many degrees, and I have found all Masters and Wardens fully qualified to perform their degree work in an eminently satisfactory manner.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held at Okotoks on October 10, 1923, and was attended by the M.W. the Grand Master, the M.W. the Grand Secretary, and M.W. Past Grand Masters Selwood, Blair and Connacher. The officers of Corinthian Lodge took charge of the afternoon session and were complimented by the M.W. the Grand Master upon their efficiency. The M.W. the Grand Master delivered a most inspiring, impressive and instructive address at this session. He was followed by the M.W. the Grand Secretary, Custodian of the Work. R.W. Bro. Haslam and Bro. Marsh, of Cairo Lodge, each gave a suitable address, which were much appreciated by the members present.

The officers of Cornerstone Lodge took charge of the evening session and performed their several duties in a very creditable manner. They were complimented by M.W. Bro. Connacher, Custodian of their Work.

I would like to place on record my appreciation of the assistance given me by the officers of Corinthian and Cornerstone Lodges and all Masters and Past Masters in preparing the programme and all others who so ably contributed to the success of this meeting.

JOPPA LODGE, No. 40

I visited this lodge on Thursday, October 18th, and witnessed the exemplification of the first degree. W. Bro. Blair and his officers are to be congratulated on the splendid manner in which the degree was conferred. The books of the lodge are well kept by Bro. Clement and the lodge is in a prosperous condition financially, owning, as they do, their own hall.

STAVELY LODGE, No. 33

I visited Stavelly Lodge on Tuesday, October 23, 1923. W. Bro. Moreland informed me that there was no degree work to be put on so the lodge would go through the regular routine. Bro. Skelhorne delivered a very able address. The lodge is to be congratulated on having W. Bro. Ditto as secretary, his books being kept in an eminently satisfactory manner. The officers of Stavelly Lodge is all capable of putting on degree work when called upon to do so. The lodge maintains a small library, which is being added to from time to time.

CORNERSTONE LODGE, No. 19

I visited Cornerstone Lodge on Thursday, November 1, 1923, and had the pleasure of seeing W. Bro. Poile and his officers confer the second degree. I believe this to be the best exemplification of the second degree I have ever witnessed. I congratulate all officers upon the efficient manner in which the work was put on, but I cannot pass without making special mention of the masterly manner in which Bro. Spankie, S.D., conducted the candidate through the degree.

NANTON LODGE, No. 17

On Friday, November 16, 1923, I visited Nanton Lodge and found W. Bro. McKeage in the chair, the sitting Master being absent. There being no degree work, the lodge went through the regular routine. A very pleasant evening was spent. The lodge is very fortunate in having R.W. Bro. Legler as secretary. His books are kept up to date in every respect. The lodge has started a library and intends to increase it in the near future.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 22

On Tuesday, November 27th, I visited Corinthian Lodge and was welcomed by W. Bro. MacGougan. I had the pleasure of witnessing the exemplification of the third degree. Every officer had his work well in hand and the degree was conferred upon the candidate in a masterly manner. Corinthian Lodge is the proud possessor of its own lodge room. R.W. Bro. Paterson, the secretary, has his books up to date and in first-class condition. A spirit of good-fellowship prevails in this lodge.

CAIRO LODGE, No. 32

I had the pleasure of officially visiting my mother lodge, Cairo Lodge, No. 32, on Tuesday, December 18, 1923. Every officer occupied his chair and about twenty-five members were present to receive one of their own members on his official visit. I felt highly honored by the pleasant reception accorded me. Cairo Lodge had a very good year, conferring all degrees in a very creditable manner. The lodge is very fortunate in having R.W. Bro. Haslam to give addresses on evenings when there is no degree work. His addresses are always very instructive and highly elevating to the members.

During my visits I have been duly impressed with the steady, serious attitude of the men who compose the Masonic Order towards the greater things of life—the things worth while. This is as it should be. It promotes law and order, enterprise in the welfare of the community, and a higher moral tone among all classes of men.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren of District No. 6 for the high honor conferred on me by electing me their District Deputy Grand Master and also for the cordial welcome and willing assistance given me at all times.

Faternally submitted,

CARL JULIUS BRAREN,
D.D.G.M., District No. 6.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Lethbridge, May 26, 1924.

To the M.W. the Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith, for your consideration, my report on the condition of Masonry in the Seventh Masonic District for the year ending May 31, 1924.

In visiting the different lodges I was received with the honors due your representative. I am very deeply indebted to the many brethren who, often at considerable personal sacrifice, accompanied me on my visits.

It is a pleasure to report that there is a spirit of true Masonry apparent, which indicates that the Craft is in a satisfactory and progressive condition in this district. The books of the various lodges I visited were, in all cases, exceptionally well kept, even the historical register in some cases being up to date. A number of inter-lodge visits of an official character were made during the year and these help to stimulate the proper spirit of enthusiasm which is so desirable

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was a pronounced success and was held in the Masonic Hall, Lethbridge, on October 4, 1923. One of the features of the meeting was the fact that eight of the nine lodges in the district had members present. The meeting was in charge of myself and the M.W. the Grand Master, George Murray, and the M.W. the Grand Secretary, S. Y. Taylor, and many other distinguished brethren were present.

At the afternoon session an exemplification of the Canadian Rite Work was given by the officers of Lethbridge Lodge, No. 39, and valuable criticism given by the Custodian, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor. At the evening session an exemplification of the York Rite Work was given by the officers of York Lodge, No. 119, and it was our good fortune to have with us M.W. Bro. Connacher as Custodian of the work of this Rite, who gave valuable criticism and answered many questions.

Both Custodians paid tribute to the excellent manner in which the W.M. and officers of these lodges carried out their work. Instructive and impressive addresses were given by the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and others.

JOINT INSTALLATION

It has now become a custom in this district to hold a joint installation ceremony in Lethbridge for as many of the lodges of the district as can conveniently have their newly elected and appointed officers present.

On December 28, 1923, a joint installation for North Star Lodge No. 4, Lethbridge Lodge, No. 39, Diamond City Lodge, No. 65 (not in District No. 7), Charity Lodge, No. 67, and York Lodge No. 119, was held. The installing officer was M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, who was assisted by the I.P.G.M., M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood. After the ceremony of installation, M.W. Bro. Selwood delivered an inspiring address which I am confident was well worth the time and effort required in its preparation. The toastmaster at the banquet on this occasion was His Honor, M.W. Bro. Judge Jackson, and one of the features of the evening's entertainment was the musical selections by the Masonic Orchestra.

I take this opportunity of thanking the Masters, Past and Present, of the various lodges, the members of the various committees, those who contributed to the programmes and all who assisted to make both the District Meeting and the Joint Installation so successful.

NORTH STAR LODGE, No. 4

This is my mother lodge and it was with peculiar pleasure that I paid my visit as your representative. The W.M. and officers are maintaining

the splendid reputation of this, the oldest lodge in the district. The secretary has his books properly entered up and the affairs of the lodge are well managed. This lodge inaugurated, some years ago, a Past Masters' night, when a degree is conferred by a full quota of Past Masters, and the procedure was again carried out this year. It seems an excellent plan and in my opinion should be adopted in other lodges where there are sufficient Past Masters.

DORIC LODGE, No. 31

Accompanied by the D.D.G.M. elect, W. Bro. T. H. Fleetwood, W. Haffern and other brethren, I visited this lodge on January 15, 1924. No degree work was performed but the usual business of the lodge was carried out in a satisfactory manner. The Secretary has his books in splendid condition. One fortunate outcome of this visit was the promise by W. Bro. Haffern and members of Lethbridge Lodge No. 39 to pay a visit to Taber Lodge at a later date, with sufficient members to put on the third degree, which promise has been since fulfilled with credit to Lethbridge Lodge, No. 39, and I am sure with profit and pleasure to the W.M. and members of Doric Lodge.

LETHBRIDGE LODGE, No. 39

On October 18th I made my official visit to Lethbridge Lodge, No. 39. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Haffern and his officers in the splendid manner for which this Lodge has a well deserved reputation. My visit coincided with an official fraternal visit to Lethbridge Lodge by the officers and members of York Lodge and the evening was an instructive and enjoyable one to all. The various books are well kept and the affairs of the lodge are well looked after.

CHIEF MOUNTAIN LODGE, No. 58.

I had made arrangements to attend Manyberries Lodge twice before I finally made it possible to go, and this, together with other circumstances which it is unnecessary to detail here, made it impossible to attend Chief Mountain Lodge, No. 58. I very much regret this but am pleased to report that R.W. Bro. Barker attended this lodge, and he tells me that its affairs are in good condition and the W.M. and officers are most capable and proficient.

CHARITY LODGE, No. 67.

On October 9, 1923, an official visit was made to this lodge, when I witnessed the conferring of the first degree. The work was well done, and the lecture by the Junior Warden, Bro. McGregor, was excellent. The books were being kept by Act. Secretary Bro. Barrett and were in good condition. The affairs generally of this lodge are in excellent condition and the W.M. and those responsible for the general management of the lodge deserve high praise.

WARNER LODGE, N. 100.

The same remarks as to my inability to visit Chief Mountain apply in this case. V.W. Bro. Heslop, who has been my very efficient secretary during my term of office, informs me that Warner Lodge is progressing nicely and the finances of the lodge are improving.

FOREMOST LODGE, No. 103.

Accompanied by Bro. Supt. Jounget, W. Bro. J. Westbrook, W. Bro. F. Reagh and Bro. Charlton from Lethbridge, I motored to Foremost on November 7, 1923. P.D.D.G.M. Robertson and the W.M. and officers and members of this lodge are certainly deserving of praise and encouragement for the manner in which they are honestly working to make Masonry a living force in this community. The books of the lodge are well kept and the right spirit is present amongst the members.

YORK LODGE, No. 119.

My official visit to York Lodge, No. 119, was made on September 25th. There was a large attendance and a spirit of enthusiasm and good fellowship prevailed. The second degree work was splendidly done and the W.M., W. Bro. J. Westbrook, and his officers are to be congratulated on the general efficiency of their ritualistic work. A fraternal visit from a number of the officers and members of Charity Lodge has been arranged for this evening and these fraternal visits have been encouraged by York Lodge as with other city lodges in this district. The lecture by Bro. Hiscocks was splendidly given and the secretary has his books all up to date. York Lodge is a young lodge and has made excellent progress.

MANYBERRIES LODGE, U.D.

This lodge lies over one hundred miles from Lethbridge, and seeing that it was incumbent upon me to report on the advisability of granting a charter, I had determined to pay an official visit. Bro. R. J. R. Paterson kindly motored me on this long journey and we were accompanied by W. Bros. Sang, Haffern and T. H. Fleetwood. The visit was made on May 14, 1924, and the W. M., Bro. Courtney, governs his lodge in a truly Masonic manner. The secretary, Bro. Saunders, has his books in splendid condition. The furniture and regalia are all paid for and insured. I have no hesitation in recommending that this lodge be granted a charter and, under the guidance of the W.M., officers and members, this lodge should be a real success.

In addition to general Masonic matters, I dealt with the matter of a library at each of the lodges visited and am glad to report that the seed sown by the Grand Secretary at the District Meeting in Lethbridge is bearing fruit.

My heartfelt thanks are due to many who have assisted me in various ways during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

H. W. MEECH,
D.D.G.M. District No. 7.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Pincher Creek, May 9, 1924.

To the M.W. the Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I herewith submit to you the annual report of work done during the year ending December 27, 1923.

The report will show that the standing in District No. 8 is high and the progress satisfactory and the amount of work done shows that the several lodges are active and indications point to continued activity.

Our District Meeting, held in Macleod, was, I believe, a success both Masonically and socially. The large turnout, 126 being registered, was significant of the Masonic interest taken in the cause of Masonry in District No. 8. The brethren are loud in their praises of the treatment accorded them by the brethren of Alberta Lodge No. 3.

Spitzie Lodge, No. 6, departed from the ordinary and they put on what they termed an "Old Timers' Re-union," the object being to gather together all the members we could get to come since Spitzie was first started. In this they were successful indeed, the register showing 176 members of the Craft, made up of every lodge in the district. They succeeded, I believe, in engendering that fraternal spirit which they consider should exist throughout Masonry.

I have visited each lodge in the district and found that the several lodges were kept in good order. The secretaries kept a clean record of their books. The Masters and their officers in lodge were earnest in their endeavors to make the meetings and the work interesting and instructive.

Financially, the several lodges are on a very good footing and have a substantial balance of assets over liabilities.

Considering all things, I believe that Masonry in District No. 8 is progressing very favorably and the prospects for the year 1924-25 are bright.

Hoping that the progress noted in this report will continue in this district, and I believe it will, I submit this report, trusting it will be satisfactory to you and to the fraternity in this province.

Faternally submitted,

J. J. GILLESPIE,

D.D.G.M. District No. 8.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Castor, May 26, 1924

To the M.W. the Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit the following report of the condition of Masonry in the Ninth Masonic District and of the manner of performance of my duties as District Deputy Grand Master for that District for the year 1923-4.

My first official appearance was with the brethren of Beaver Lodge, No. 56, at Castor, in attendance at Divine Service on Sunday, the 24th day of June, 1923, the day happening to fall upon the exact date of the festival of Saint John the Baptist.

The brethren paraded to the Church of England, pursuant to a dispensation granted in that behalf and an appropriate service was conducted by Rev. Bro. the Venerable Archdeacon Dewdney of Calgary, who attended especially for that purpose. The attendance of the brethren on this occasion was large and the service was very impressive.

At the invitation of the brethren of that place, and accompanied by W. Bro. Harman and about fifteen brethren of Beaver Lodge, o. 56, I proceeded to Alliance in the Fifth Masonic District on May 9, 1924, and was present at the institution of Alliance Lodge, U.D.

There were present some seventy-five brethren from neighboring lodges and the ceremony of institution was very ably performed by R.W. Bro. Dickson, of that district. The new lodge starts off with very bright prospects.

THE ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held at Stettler, on Friday, the 19th day of October, 1923, the M.W. the Grand Master, the M.W. the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Baugh, of the Fifteenth Masonic District, and a large representation of the brethren of the different lodges of this district being present.

In the afternoon session M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Custodian of the Work in the Canadian Rite, delivered to the brethren present much interesting and valuable instruction in the Work in that Rite. I had arranged that the ritualistic work in the Canadian Rite should be exemplified in the afternoon, in the third degree, by the officers and brethren of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 122, Gadsby, and that the work in that degree should be exemplified in the York Rite at the evening session by the officers and brethren of Ionic Lodge, No. 45, of Alix.

It was thought, however, that there would be time for only one exemplification of the third degree and the majority of the brethren present, being accustomed to the York Rite and being desirous of witnessing the ceremony in the Canadian Rite, many of them having not previously witnessed it, it was determined by a vote of the meeting that the afternoon session be devoted to the instruction by M.W. Bro. Taylor and that the degree be exemplified in the evening in the Canadian Rite. This was done in an excellent manner by the officers and members of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 122, W. Bro. Everett presiding in the East.

The M.W. the Grand Master addressed the meeting, greatly to the instruction and entertainment of the brethren.

R.W. Bro. Stowell, of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 122, was elected to be my successor in the office of District Deputy Grand Master.

The District Meeting was a most successful one, the attendance being large and every lodge, except one, in the district being represented.

APOLLO LODGE, NO. 27

I visited this lodge on May 5, 1924, at which time R.W. Bro. Baugh, D.D.G.M., of the Fifteenth Masonic District was also present, at the invitation of the lodge, and delivered a very interesting and instructive address on the "Landmarks of Masonry," which address was very much appreciated by the brethren. Apollo Lodge is the oldest and largest lodge in the district, having a membership of about 160. Its finances are in splendid condition, there being a large reserve fund invested in securities and the lodge is on a firm footing, both as to finances and membership. It includes in its membership many Masons of outstanding ability, and the brethren generally show great interest in the work of the Craft. It works in the York Rite and is ably presided over by W. Bro. Scotland. The outlook for this lodge is excellent.

IONIC LODGE, NO. 45

I paid an official visit to this lodge on October 18, 1923. Ionic Lodge is noted for the good quality of its ritualistic work, which is in the York Rite, and for the large number of diligent brethren among its membership who devote their time and energies without stint for the advancement of Masonry at that place. The lodge was under the able guidance of W. Bro. Tallman, a veteran Mason who has assisted in the erection of three Grand Lodges during the course of his long Masonic career. The E.A. degree was conferred at the time of my visit and in an exceptionally thorough and able manner. The greatest harmony and good-will prevail among the brethren at Alix, and the prospects for the lodge are excellent.

BEAVER LODGE, NO. 56

This is my home lodge and I have been in regular attendance during the year. As stated in the first part of this report, I attended Divine Services with the brethren on June 24, 1923. I also visited the lodge officially on January 2, 1924, at which time I installed the W.M. elect, W. Bro. Harman, and invested the other officers of the lodge. This lodge contains many old and experienced Masons. The work is in the York Rite and its officers are very capable. The outlook for the lodge is very good.

CORONATION LODGE, No. 72

I attended upon this lodge on March 20, 1924. It works in the Canadian Rite and is presided over by W. Bro. Thompson. The membership is seventy-three in number. The lodge has a large surplus invested and is in a flourishing condition. Its prospects are very bright. The officers are very capable and well instructed and the membership includes many expert Craftsmen and several careful Masonic students. The work is in good hands at this place and there is every reason to believe that this will eventually become one of the strongest lodges in the district.

MONITOR LODGE, No. 120

On May 22, 1924, I proceeded by motor car to Monitor and visited this lodge. The work is in the York Rite and the lodge is under the rule of W. Bro. Munroe, an experienced Mason and a very capable Master. I witnessed the passing of a brother to the degree of Fellowcraft, and the raising of another to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The work was done in a manner almost perfect and it is apparent that the management of the fraternity at this place is in the hands of Master Workmen and Fellows of the Craft amply competent to do their task. Monitor Lodge is the only lodge in the district which owns its lodge premises. The brethren there purchased a building and the land upon which it stands, upon easy terms and have almost completed the payments for it. The lodge room is well fitted for its purpose and the brethren at Monitor have laid a firm foundation which will be of permanent and lasting benefit to the lodge and to the brethren who are to come after them. They are to be congratulated upon their spirit and foresight. The greatest harmony seems to prevail in this lodge and it is doing a great deal of work. It is in the centre of a large district which contains much good material and its prospects are exceedingly bright.

CLIVE LODGE, No. 121

After having been previously disappointed by unforeseen contingencies which arose and prevented an earlier attendance, I was able to visit this lodge on May 14, 1924, at which visit I installed W. Bro. Weeks as Worshipful Master, a dispensation having been granted to elect a new Master in the place of W. Bro. Totten who had removed from the district. The lodge works in the Canadian Rite and, although its membership is small, the brethren seem to be well instructed and to have great enthusiasm. The officers are capable and are well assisted. On this occasion I had the pleasure of witnessing the work in the E. A. degree, which was very creditably performed by the newly installed Worshipful Master, assisted by the brethren. This lodge has lost a good many members by demits on account of their removal from the district, but is doing a good deal of new work and the outlook seems to be fairly good.

RISING SUN LODGE, No. 122

Accompanied by W. Bro's. Smith and Moore, of Beaver Lodge, No. 56, and by R. W. Bro. Lane, P.D.D.G.M., of Manitoba, I visited this lodge on September 19, 1923. The evening was very rainy and the attendance was not large, but a brother was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in a very creditable manner by W. Bro. Everett, the W.M., assisted by the officers and brethren present. Rising Sun Lodge is the youngest in this district and it is making excellent progress. The membership is increasing rapidly and there is a great deal of good material within its jurisdiction. The work is in the Canadian Rite and is well performed by capable officers. This lodge will no doubt be one of the strongest in the district in the course of a few years.

I have much pleasure in being able to report that complete harmony has prevailed in this Masonic district during the year, and that nothing has occurred to mar the fraternal good-will that has been manifested between the lodges. The lodges of the district have adopted a very commendable practice, that of visiting in a body some neighboring lodge from time to time. This fraternal intercourse is much to be desired and it is hoped that the custom will be continued and enlarged.

I am also happy to report that the lodges in this district have, almost without exception, commenced the work of building up Masonic libraries. In visiting the various lodges and conversing with the members, I find that many Masons who are not so well informed as they should be are anxious for further knowledge but have been prevented, to a great extent, from acquiring it, by reason of the previous lack of proper facilities. Most of the members are greatly interested in the subject and are making good use of the opportunity afforded for study, by the lodge libraries, and are extending their knowledge of the principles, aims and history of the institution. Once a library is established in a lodge, it seems that greater interest is aroused in the brethren and the library grows, not only by accretions from purchase by the lodge, but also by donations of Masonic books, magazines and other publications by interested brethren.

The establishment and maintenance of Masonic libraries cannot be too much commended and I am glad to report that great progress has been made in this direction in my district during my term of office.

Another custom has grown up, or rather has been enlarged, in this district, that of obtaining the services in each lodge of some expert brother, well learned in the lore of the Craft, to deliver lectures on

Masonic subjects on appropriate occasions and particularly at regular meetings when there is little ritualistic work. These lectures serve to stimulate and keep alive the interest of the members in the origin, customs, landmarks, usages and meanings of Masonry and they are much to be commended. It is hoped that this practice will be widely extended in the future.

Although the net increase in membership in the Ninth Masonic District for the year which ended on December 27th last was very small, by reason of demits granted to brethren who have moved away, the Craft is in a sound and healthy condition. Great interest in Masonry is manifested throughout the district by the officers and brethren of the various lodges and it seems to me that greater care is being exercised than formerly in choosing material for membership. I believe that the institution is upon rather a higher plane than was the case a few years ago and that quality, rather than quantity, of membership is being more regarded by the lodges generally here.

I have found in every instance that the books are well and properly kept and the secretary of each lodge seems to be capable and efficient.

I take this occasion to express my sincere thanks to the officers and members of the various lodges of this district for their kind and hearty aid and co-operation in performing my work during my term of office. I have met with nothing but the most complete, kind and willing fraternal courtesy and assistance from them at all times.

Faternally submitted,

GEO. F. AUXIER,

D.D.G.M., District No. 9.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, May 27, 1924.

To the M.W. the Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I take great pleasure in submitting my report as D.D.G.M. of District No. 10.

I have visited every lodge in this district during my year of office and had intended paying a second visit to Kitscoty Lodge, No. 131, but was unable to arrange the same, consequently my only visit to this lodge was in company with the M.W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, when this lodge was consecrated and constituted.

I find the condition of Masonry in this district to be very good and every lodge very optimistic for the future and while no great numbers have been added to their membership, the growth is sound. The lodges in general show a good financial condition and while some of the brethren are shown to be in arrears, it is in most cases, in my opinion, due to negligence on their part and they should consider it their duty to see their secretary, adjust their arrears and thus encourage him in his task, and at the same time give the necessary financial assistance to their lodges.

The work of the different lodges which it was my pleasure to witness, was good and in some of the lodges they are to be congratulated on

their proficiency. The District Meetings are in my opinion, gradually gaining their objective, and the result is more uniformity of the Work and a greater desire to ritualistic perfection.

The matter of lodge libraries was brought to the attention of each lodge that I visited and I think it would be well worth the time if the succeeding D.D.G.M.'s were to keep this subject before their different lodges.

DISTRICT MEETING.

A joint District Meeting and Lodge of Instruction of Districts, No. 10 and No. 12, was held at Edmonton on October 13, 1923, in Patricia Lodge Room. The afternoon session was opened in the first, second and third degrees of Masonry at 3.00 o'clock, p.m., with the officers of Empire Lodge, No. 63, in the chairs. The District Deputies of the joint districts were received by W. Bro. Martland, and the gavel presented to myself as D.D.G.M. of District No. 10. W. Bro. Wm. Rea, of Jasper Lodge, No. 14, was asked to retire and introduce the M.W. the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. George Murray, M.W. the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor and the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. H. P. Reid, who were received with Grand Honors in a very complimentary manner. M.W. Bro. Taylor, Grand Custodian of the Canadian Rite Work, answered a great number of questions and demonstrated some of the work for the benefit of the different lodges present.

The lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 6.05 o'clock, p.m., when the representatives of the different districts called separate meetings for the purpose of electing a D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year, the result being that V.W. Bro. G. T. McGregor, of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 110, was elected by District No. 10 and W. Bro. Wm. Rea by District No. 12.

Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 8.00 o'clock, p.m., when the officers of Strathcona Lodge, under W. Bro. G. H. Taylor opened the lodge in the York Rite in a masterly and impressive manner, the business of the evening session being under the direction of R.W. Bro. Mackenzie, D.D.G.M. of District No. 12, and, after some little discussion, very inspiring addresses were given by the M.W. the Grand Master and the M.W. the Grand Secretary. The lodge was closed at 10.30 o'clock, p.m. This marked another milestone for Districts Nos. 10 and 12, and will be long remembered as one of the most successful District Meetings ever held in this district.

On July 18th I had the pleasure of accompanying the M.W. the Grand Master and the M.W. the Grand Secretary to Stony Plain, when Meridian Lodge, No. 129, was constituted and consecrated and the officers duly installed into office and, while the roads were in anything but a perfect condition, a good delegation of Masters and Past Masters from the city lodges accompanied the Grand Lodge Officers. This meeting was rushed to a close owing to bad weather and we regretfully had to leave what would, in our opinion, have proved an enjoyable evening.

On July 19th I again accompanied the M.W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary to Kitscoty, arriving there at 3.15 a.m., July 20th. We were joined on the trip down by R.W. Bro. Crump at Lamont and R.W. Bro. Sandilands at Vermilion. This visit was made for the purpose of consecrating and constituting Kitscoty Lodge, No. 131. The afternoon session was devoted to the consecrating and constituting ceremony, which was in charge of the M.W. the Grand Master, assisted by

M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Crump, R.W. Bro. Sandilands, R.W. Bro. Fielding, V.W. Bro. McGregor and myself. The evening session was devoted to the installation of officers, after which we retired to the banquet hall, where the Grand Lodge Officers and visitors were royally entertained by the brethren of Kitscoty Lodge, who demonstrated that they are one and all past masters in the art of entertaining. Inspiring addresses were given by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary and were greatly appreciated by the brethren.

On June 27th I attended Norwood Lodge, No. 90, accompanied by R.W. Bro. Horace P. Reid, for the purpose of installing the Worshipful Master and investing the other officers, but owing to the resignation of the Master-elect, a new election was necessary. A dispensation was applied for and granted, giving authority to elect a new Master and install the officers at the same time. The assistance of R.W. Bro. Reid was much appreciated on this occasion.

I again visited this lodge on July 10th, when a special election was held for the purpose of electing a Worshipful Master. W. Bro. J. McCreath was elected to fill out the remainder of the Masonic year and with his officers was duly installed and invested. I had the valuable assistance on this occasion of R.W. Bro. Moss, V.W. Bro. McAvoy, W. Bro. Thompson and W. Bro. Mode. This meeting was well attended, not only by the brethren of Norwood Lodge, but by a good representation of Masters and Past Masters of other city lodges.

On September 15th I visited Tawatinaw Lodge, No. 71, at Athabasca Landing and, considering that a number of the brethren were busy with their harvest, the meeting was well attended. The members of this lodge are to be congratulated on their well appointed quarters and while this district has suffered considerably from the financial depression of the past few years, the lodge is holding its own and is in a healthy condition.

On September 24th I visited Lamont Lodge, No. 94. A second degree was put on in a very creditable manner. This lodge has, during the past year, purchased their own premises and are fitting up a comfortable lodge room and hall. The brethren of this lodge, like those of Norwood Lodge, are making their own alterations, thus keeping down a heavy expense, were it necessary to hire this work done. R. W. Bro. Crump has inaugurated a splendid scheme with reference to the historical register and one which I think might be copied by some of the Past Masters in the delinquent lodges. During his year of office as D.D.G.M. he no doubt found the same difficulty in getting some one interested in this work as did his predecessors, and to show that he would not ask others to do that which he would not do himself, he immediately, at the end of his year of office, undertook the task of bringing their historical register up to date, with the result that Lamont Lodge now has a record of which they may well be proud.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 13.

In company with Bro. Hawkesworth, now W.M. of Empire Lodge, I visited this lodge on the evening of October 23rd. A second degree was being conferred. The work was done in an impressive manner. My visit to this lodge was enjoyed very much. A number of the brethren from Lamont, as well as from Edmonton, were present. Addresses were given by a number of the visitors at the festive board, at which W. Bro. Montgomery presided. This is one of our oldest lodges and the old traditions are being closely looked after. The officers are capable and insist upon their work being well done.

NORWOOD LODGE, No. 90.

I paid an official visit to this lodge on April 22nd and had the pleasure of being accompanied by R. W. Bro. Bell, D.D.G.M. of District No. 3. The third degree was exemplified in an able manner. It is unnecessary for me to comment on the work of this lodge. It is sufficient to say that the members as a whole have formed themselves into a hard working business organization with the object in view of clearing off their obligation in connection with the purchase of their lodge building. The way in which they have transformed their lodge room is a surprise to their visitors and a great credit to themselves. The finances are in a splendid condition and with the spirit that is behind this progressive lodge there should be no trouble in meeting their obligations.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 25.

On May 5th, accompanied by W. Bro. Martland, of Empire Lodge, I visited this lodge. This was a record meeting at which a number of visitors from Lamont, Minburn and Manville had availed themselves of the opportunity of hearing W. Bro. Martland deliver his illustrated lecture on King Solomon's Temple, which was very much appreciated by the brethren present. Owing to the time required for the lecture, no degree work was put on but the officers demonstrated that they had the business of the lodge well in hand. Their records are well kept.

VERMILION LODGE, No. 24.

I visited this lodge on May 6th. The first degree was exemplified. There was a small attendance at this meeting, owing to a number of the brethren being busy with their spring work. This lodge is active and is demonstrating benevolence in a true Masonic manner. My visit at this place was a pleasant one and as I had some time to spare, in company with W. Bro. Stewart I visited one of their members who has been confined to his bed for a considerable time. There I found the lodge had installed a radio set for the benefit of this brother and, to see the pleasure that he was deriving from it, was full justification for this benevolent action.

HOPE LODGE, No. 38.

I visited this lodge on May 8th, where I met a number of the brethren and examined their records, finding them in very good condition. This lodge had no work but a very enjoyable evening was spent with the brethren. The officers are young and from the way in which they demonstrated the opening and closing I am satisfied that they are proficient in their degree work.

KILWINNING LODGE, No. 110.

This lodge I visited on the 9th of May where I found everything in first class order. They had one candidate on whom they conferred the first degree. The officers of this lodge are very efficient in their work and a great deal of credit is due to W. Bro. Wheeler for the interest he is taking in the lodge in general and the officers in particular. The prospects of this lodge are very bright.

DOMINION LODGE, No. 117.

I visited this lodge on May 15th and witnessed a first degree conferred in a very proficient manner. This lodge is in a healthy condition and the records are in first class condition.

EMPIRE LODGE, No. 63.

This is my own lodge. While there are few meetings of the lodge that I miss, I made my official visit on May 19th. The work of this lodge is too well known for me to comment upon. The records are in charge of R.W. Bro. Lakey and this is sufficient guarantee that everything is up to date.

ACACIA LODGE, No. 11.

I visited this lodge on May 22nd and was delighted with the condition of the lodge. The records are a credit to the secretary and the financial condition a credit to the lodge. The second degree was conferred in a very able manner. There was a splendid turnout, including a number of visitors. An excellent address by Bro. Ottowell brought to a close a very pleasant meeting.

Finally, I can scarcely express my deep appreciation for the many kindnesses extended to me by the brethren during my visits and I wish to express my sincere thanks for the confidence they placed in me in electing me their D.D.G.M.

Before closing, it would be remiss in me were I to overlook the valuable services so freely given by V. W. Bro. George H. McAvoy, of Patricia Lodge, who kindly acted as joint District Secretary and did so much in furthering the interests of our District Meeting, by W. Bro. Martland, of Empire Lodge, who accompanied me to Vegreville at some considerable inconvenience, and by R.W. Bro. Crump and others for their many personal kindnesses toward me.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH MILNER,

D.D.G.M., District No. 10.

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Lomond, May 15, 1924

To the M.W. the Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in District No. 11 during the past year.

Let me first express my appreciation and thanks to the brethren for electing me as the M.W. the Grand Master's representative in this district, and also to all who so ably and willingly assisted me during the year, and in general for the courtesy and kindness extended to me by the brethren throughout the district, especially on the occasion of my official visits.

I have visited each lodge once in my official capacity and have made several other visits during the year and am pleased to report that a good healthy Masonic feeling prevails.

In my efforts to fulfil the duties in connection with the office of D.D.G.M., it has been my endeavor to do what I believed to be in the best interests of the Craft and while I feel that the work has been but imperfectly done, owing to my limitations and shortcomings, yet if my efforts have been of any benefit to the brethren, as they have been a source of pleasure to me, I am well satisfied. In notifying the lodges of my appointment to the office, my request for their co-operation proved to be scarcely necessary as that co-operation was so readily and cheerfully given and has been continued.

District No. 11 is situated in a section which has suffered greatly during the recent years of drought, but in spite of this, the Order has been well maintained and a return of better times a year ago has helped to support the brethren in their efforts to maintain the most desirable standard.

From time to time I have urged the lodges to establish a library in accordance with Grand Lodge recommendations.

The ritualistic work in the district is well in hand. In all my official visits I was delighted with the manner in which degrees were conferred and with the impressive way in which they were given to the candidate. The general level of this work is excellent and quite in accord with a good interpretation of Grand Lodge instructions.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in Vulcan on October 9, 1923, and although it was a very busy season here, an attendance of more than sixty was registered. M.W. Bro. Murray, Grand Master, was present and gave a short address on the welfare of the Order, which was interesting and instructive. M.W. Bro. Connacher, P.G.M., Custodian of the York Rite Work, spoke on the ritualistic work in that rite, after which many questions were asked and answered, followed by profitable discussion. M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, addressed the meeting on the history and development of Masonry, and also emphasized the wisdom of securing a suitable library for each lodge. M.W. Bro. Blair, P.G.M., dealt in an interesting way with matters of general moment. R.W. Bro. T. Sharpe, Grand Treasurer, also addressed the meeting, dealing particularly with the financial department. A short musical program wound up the evening session. In the afternoon Robert Burns Lodge, No. 49, of Carmangav' opened and closed the meeting and in the evening Champion Lodge, No. 84, took charge of the opening and closing exercises.

In presenting my reports of visits to the individual lodges, I wish to make special mention of two items which will cover all. In the first place, I wish to thank the brethren for the good social times that it has been my pleasure to spend with them at the banquets, etc. I shall always cherish pleasant memories of the mutual intercourse I enjoyed at these times and also of the acquaintances formed and friendships made during the social hours with the brethren.

In the second place, regarding the important work of examining books and records in the lodges, this was done by me in every case and through the whole district these have been well kept and finances are in good condition.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE, No. 49

I visited this lodge on June 25, 1923, and installed the officers. On this occasion R.W. Bro. G. A. Orr, P.D.D.G.M., accompanied me and took part in the installation. I again visited the lodge on November 19th, on which evening the F.C. degree was exemplified in an efficient manner. My introduction to the Robert Burns Lodge was through R.W. Bro. James N. McNaughton, P.D.D.G.M., one of the oldest members of the lodge here and a consistent supporter, on which this lodge has been able to rely for many years. The Robert Burns Lodge have recently acquired their own premises and have entered into a very desirable property.

DIAMOND CITY LODGE, No. 65

On December 14, 1923, I visited this lodge on the occasion of their election of officers. This lodge is not large in numbers but is surely strong in activity. W. Bro. J. H. James, W.M., reviewed the work of the past year, the only incident of the kind in my visits through the district, and this proved to be very interesting and helpful to all members and was certainly enlightening to me. Unfortunately, R.W. Bro. Fuller, P.D.D.G.M., was unable to be present, owing to sickness in his home, and we were deeply grieved later to hear that his wife's illness had proved fatal.

VULCAN LODGE, No. 74

My visit to this lodge was on November 20, when the M.M. degree was exemplified. Vulcan Lodge degree team is in the first class among the district teams and the work was put on in splendid form before a good assembly of the members. Vulcan Lodge is the largest in District No. 11, and being the home of D.D.G.M. elect, W. Bro. Carson, great things may be expected of this lodge during the coming year.

CHAMPION LODGE, No. 84

This lodge, the home of R.W. Bro. Orr, P.D.G.M., I visited on December 13th, when the F.C. degree was exemplified. The floor work was well done by a very efficient degree team. The lodge is forging ahead in good style, a number of initiations having taken place since the first of the year. It is in a strong position.

PYRAMID LODGE, No. 108

This is my home lodge and I have attended nearly all the meetings of the year, paying an official visit on March 17th. This lodge is located in another district where conditions have been adverse, but in spite of that fact is in good standing. Only recently we have received two candidates for initiation who have already advanced to the M.M. degree, which is an indication of the spirit of the lodge.

NOBLEFORD LODGE, No. 111

I visited this lodge on December 11th, an emergency meeting, brought about by a confusion of dates. The attendance was small, but Nobleford Lodge has had uphill work and now looks forward to expansion. There was no work and the officers opened and closed in the three degrees. The officers are efficient and enthusiastic and the prospects of the lodge are better than for some time past. Since my official visit I have learned of some initiations having taken place.

GRANITE LODGE, No. 127

On December 5th, I visited this lodge, the youngest one in the district. The largest turnout of my inspection was seen here, over sixty members being present. The M.M. degree was demonstrated in a most acceptable manner. This lodge is adding to its membership very rapidly, though exercising every precaution in choice. I predict that, with good judgment and the proper fraternal brotherhood, this baby lodge of the district is destined to become one of the largest.

NEW LODGE

The Barons brethren have petitioned for a dispensation to form a Masonic lodge. On receiving instructions from the M.W. the Grand Master, I visited the Barons brethren and inspected the proposed lodge room, examining the officers as to their ability to open and close the lodge in the three degrees of Masonry, and was quite satisfied with their knowledge of the work. I had no hesitation in recommending that a dispensation be granted. The suggested name for the new lodge is Cresset.

In conclusion, permit me to thank the Worshipful Masters and secretaries for their prompt attention to all requests for information regarding matters in connection with their several lodges.

The sacred trust given to me one year ago, I shall be pleased to hand to my successor with this full assurance that he will find a right royal welcome awaiting him from every lodge in this district.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. CLEMENTS,

D.D.G.M., District No. 11.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Edson, May 15, 1924.

To the M.W. the Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as D.D.G.M. of the Twelfth Masonic District for the year 1923-1924. It has been my great pleasure to visit all the lodges at least once and some of them oftener. The district is almost equally divided as to city and country lodges and, in general, the condition of Masonry is excellent throughout.

The total membership in good standing is 1,170, an increase of 45 over last year. There were 54 E.A. degrees conferred, 47 F.C. and 48 M.M. There were 29 affiliations, five restored to membership, 35 demitted, 28 suspended—27 for non-payment of dues—and ten deaths. There were 134 members twelve months in arrears of dues. Many of these will be paid up by the end of June. The average attendance for the district is 277, less than 24 per cent of the membership. This possibly is the least encouraging part of our work and I would like to urge that the lodges, particularly those with the larger memberships, put forth some effort to increase the percentage of attendance.

On Wednesday, July 18, 1923, I had the pleasure of journeying to Stony Plain and there assisting the M.W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary in constituting and consecrating Meridian Lodge, No. 129. Quite a number of the brethren from Edmonton were present and a very profitable as well as pleasant afternoon and evening was spent.

On Saturday, October 13th, District No. 10, of which R.W. Bro. Joseph Milner is D.D.G.M., and District No. 12, held, conjointly, in Patricia Hall, Edmonton, their Annual District Meeting, the M.W. the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and many other Grand Lodge Officers being present.

Lodge having been opened in the Third Degree, R.W. Bro. Milner was invited to take the chair. The Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers having been received, the meeting was turned into a Lodge of Instruction. Empire Lodge, No. 63, very creditably exemplified any portions of the Canadian Rite asked for. At 5.30 p.m. lodge was called from labour to refreshment to meet again at 7.30 p.m.

During the interval our District Meeting was held and a selection of D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year made, which resulted in the unanimous choice of W. Bro. Wm. Rea of Edmonton, subject to confirmation of Grand Lodge.

A 7.30 p.m. lodge was called from refreshment to labour, when I had the honor of presiding. The officers of Strathcona Lodge, No. 77, were invited to take the chairs and demonstrate any portions of the York Rite that might be required. Some disappointment was occasioned by the unavoidable absence of the Custodian of the York Rite, and the suggestion was made that possibly two Custodians might be appointed for this Work, one for the southern part of the jurisdiction, another for the northern.

Addresses were then delivered by the M.W. the Grand Master and M.W. the Grand Secretary. These were instructive and interesting and very much enjoyed by those present. Refreshments were then served by the City Lodges and a musical entertainment under the direction of Bro. John Foster of Patricia Lodge, No. 91, brought a very successful meeting to a close.

Coming from what may be called a rural lodge and where one does not have the opportunity of frequent visits to other lodges, it was a great personal pleasure to me to be able to visit the number of lodges that I did during my term of office. I found the work being well done and books neatly and accurately kept. Particularly was I interested in the historical registers of the city lodges. These were a great joy to examine, and I would particularly urge our country lodge members, whenever possible, to examine them and see how they are compiled.

In conclusion, I wish to express to the brethren of the district my appreciation of the honor they have conferred on me by electing me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master and to thank them for their many kindnesses extended during the year. To R.W. Bro. Sandilands, R.W. Bro. Snedden, V.W. Bro. G. H. McAvoy, W. Bro. G. H. Taylor and W. Bro. W. Plowman, I am particularly grateful for courtesies and kindnesses extended to me during two weeks spent in Edmonton.

Fraternally submitted,

J. D. MACKENZIE,

D.D.G.M., District No. 12.

THIRTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Lake Saskatoon, May 21, 1924.

To the M.W. the Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother :

I beg to report that the lodges in my district, No. 13, seem to be in a healthy condition. Some of them have quite an amount of work ahead and, considering the financial stringency of the times, and the membership of the lodges, I consider their progress as satisfactory.

If I might suggest anything that is especially of importance in this district, it is that the annual visit of the M.W. the Grand Master be continued. It is most helpful and encouraging to the brethren and is looked forward to with much pleasure.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. GRANT,
D.D.G.M., District No. 13.

FOURTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Drumheller, February 6, 1924.

To the M.W. the Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother :

I herewith submit for your approval the report for Masonic District No. 14, of which I have the honor to be D.D.G.M.

I am more than pleased to be able to report favorable and that, so far as the officers and brethren in this district are concerned, Masonry is in very capable and conscientious hands.

I do not think my pen is able or facile enough to express the pleasure I have had in visiting these different lodges. I have always held a high regard for the Craft through the many years since I first received my E.A. degree, but I never regarded them so highly as I do now after visiting these various lodges and seeing our grand work inculcated into the lives of the different communities.

It has been my privilege to visit all the lodges in this district once, and will, before the end of my term, endeavor to make it twice. Unfortunately, I have not kept any record of the dates of my visits, but have kept the other data, so hope my report will be in the proper form.

CRAIGMYLE LODGE, U.D.

During my visit to Craigmyle Lodge U.D., I was particularly impressed with their work, both as to conferring degrees, and also of conducting business, and I take pleasure in recommending that they be granted a charter. The work of W. Bro. White and his officers is of the highest quality and for so young a lodge their work deserves commendation.

ACADIA LODGE, No. 82

Acadia Lodge, No. 82, at Youngstown is probably the best situated lodge as regards Past Masters and Grand Lodge Officers in this district, and naturally the work done was of the very best. W. Bro. Goiley has a very good working lodge. Accompanied by W. Bro. McCulloch, we had a very enjoyable visit.

HANNA LODGE, No. 78

We next visited Hanna Lodge, No. 78, and were unfortunate in that W. Bro. Thompson was away on his vacation. However, this was more than recompensed for by having R.W. Bro. Odell in the chair, and assisted by R.W. Bro. Sidney Watts the work proceeded in a very satisfactory manner. This lodge is one of the best in the district. The fact that they have such outstanding members of the Craft as R.W. Bro. Odell and R.W. Bro. S. Watts no doubt contributes not a little towards their success.

CROCUS LODGE, No. 115

Our next visit was to Crocus Lodge, No. 115, situated at Chinook, and we were well received by W. Bro. Chapman. There being no degrees to confer, the evening was spent in short speeches, followed by a repast. The work here is done in a very creditable manner.

OYEN LODGE, No. 104

Oyen was the next point we visited. This is a York Rite Lodge, it was a great pleasure to me to see my own work put on by another lodge, Oyen Lodge, No. 104. W. Bro. McQuarrie put on their degrees and they went about their work as if they knew what they were doing, as indeed they did. At this meeting we met R.W. Bro. Kennedy, who was at one time lecturer, I believe, for the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and he has a fund of information about Masonry that is a great help to anyone of a studious turn of mind. The lodge was closed by W. Bro. McCulloch, who accompanied me. During our visit here we made arrangements for the District Meeting.

MOUNT MORIAH LODGE, No. 99

We next proceeded to Sibbald, where Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 99, is located. We interviewed W. Bro. Ayer, W.M., who informed us that it was useless to try to get a meeting as all of the members were busy threshing and he could not get a quorum. We had driven in a car a distance of 160 miles, so we naturally were by no means disappointed for we were tired and would far rather sleep than attend a meeting. I did not have an opportunity to see the books, but presume everything is satisfactory, as my conversation with W. Bro. Ayer convinced me of his very high regard for the institution, and this place being the home lodge of our D.D.G.M. elect, W. Bro. Ball, there is little doubt but everything is satisfactory.

HAND HILLS LODGE, No. 98

Our next visit was to Hand Hills Lodge, No. 98, Delia. On this visit I was accompanied by W. Bro. McKee, W. Bro. Toshack, and W. Bro. McCulloch, who accompanied me on all my visits. We saw degree work put on by this lodge and W. Bro. Burke, assisted by his officers, has a very smooth working lodge. The meeting was followed by a report and short speeches were given and a very enjoyable time was had altogether.

ROCKYFORD LODGE, No. 123

Accompanied by W. Bro. Eakin, Bro. Sloan, Bro. Thomson and W. Bro. McCulloch, I next visited Rockyford Lodge, No. 123. Here the second degree was exemplified with W. Bro. Cochran in the chair. This meeting was a real pleasure to me on account of the manner in which the work was done and also by reason of there being present R.W. Bro. Bell, of Strathmore. There were several notable speeches given at the repast that followed the meeting, and it was surely a pleasure to be there.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was well attended at Oyen, and unstinted praise should be given to W. Bro. McQuarrie and the brethren for the manner in which the arrangements were carried out. M.W. Bro. G. Murray, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, and M.W. Bro. Connacher were present. A Lodge of Instruction was held, Oyen Lodge exemplifying the York Rite Work. During the meeting the Custodian of the York Rite Work, M.W. Bro. Connacher, very ably explained and spoke at length on the work, and the interest taken and the number of questions asked certainly proves that everyone is anxious that the work should be done right. M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor ably took up the Canadian Work, and his manner of handling this subject is both a credit to Grand Lodge and himself. M.W. Bro. G. Murray gave the speech of the evening, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. We all had a very enjoyable time and the banquet that followed was very pleasant indeed. Nothing, in my opinion, is better than these District Meetings to bring out real Masonry, which is service and fellowship. They also serve to uphold the high standard of the work which is set by Grand Lodge and serve to prevent deviations from our ancient landmarks. The attendance was good and, considering the effort necessary to attend when they were gathering in the first crop for years, one can feel the high regard in which Masonry is held by the fraternity. I feel that no small amount of the success of this meeting was due to the efforts of R.W. Bro. E. G. Lamb, and take this opportunity of thanking him.

SYMBOL LODGE, No. 93

I next visited Symbol Lodge, which is my own lodge. They are showing a large increase in membership, but I can assure you that the precautions required to keep our high standard are being carefully observed. I will not say any more of this lodge as, under the conditions of my being a member, it might be misconstrued. Suffice it to say they have built their own hall and are moving forward in a thorough manner. That Masonry is highly regarded you will judge when I state that over ninety members were present at my official visit. This lodge has also the heaviest calls for charity.

To sum up, Masonry in this district is progressing, while not rapidly, yet sanely. The financial standing of all the lodges is very good indeed, when you consider the circumstances of the many years without crops. I may say that I have enjoyed my term of office and wish to thank the brethren and officers for all their kindness and courtesy and to assure them that if they only received part of the pleasure I have, the Craft will be some richer and any work I have done will not be in vain.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES HOLDEN,

D.D.G.M., District No. 14.

FIFTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Mirror, May 23, 1924.

To the M.W. the Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith for your approval my report on the condition of Masonry in the Fifteenth Masonic District for the year 1923-24.

I had the pleasure of visiting each lodge officially at least once during the year and am glad to report that the condition of Masonry in this district is highly satisfactory. A spirit of loyalty to the Order and brotherly love amongst the brethren prevails everywhere. The lodges are active and progressive and the officers show a high degree of skill and efficiency in the discharge of their duties. The attendance of the brethren is, on the average, good. The books and records are well kept, with the possible exception of the historical register, which, in a few cases, was not written up to date. Most of the lodges show considerable growth and considering the present economic conditions, their finances are highly satisfactory. Throughout the district I found the brethren eager and anxious to gain a greater knowledge in Masonry. To this end several of the lodges have established Masonic libraries.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held at Trochu on Thursday, the 30th of October, 1923. The lodge was opened by W. Bro. E. A. Roach and officers of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 66, at 3.00 o'clock p.m. The D.D.G.M. was introduced by W. Bro. Harte, of Cyprus Lodge, No. 113, received the customary honors and assumed the gavel. The M.W. the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. George Murray, accompanied by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, was then introduced and received according to ancient custom.

At the conclusion of the business meeting W. Bro. E. A. Roach resumed the chair and with his officers exemplified portions of the Work in the Canadian Rite, under the direction of M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Custodian of the Work, who complimented them on their efficiency. M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor then gave a most instructive and interesting address on the "Uniformity of the Work" which was greatly appreciated.

The lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 6.30 o'clock p.m., and from refreshment to labor by W. Bro. F. E. Murray, of Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 109, and his officers. W. Bro. F. E. Murray and officers of Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 109, exemplified the opening of the lodge according to the York Rite and also different portions of the three degrees. The Grand Master praised the work of this lodge most highly. Bro. Rev. D. Whyte Smith, of Acme Lodge, No. 60, then delivered an inspiring address on "The Principles of Masonry," and the Grand Master dealt with the subject of "The Ballot" in a most impressive manner. During the evening session W. Bro. D. Code, of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 66, was elected D.D.G.M. for the year 1924-25, subject to the approval of Grand Lodge. The lodge was closed by Ancient Landmark Lodge in the York Rite at 11.40 p.m.

Afterwards a banquet was served by the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 66, which was greatly appreciated. I wish to express my gratitude to the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge for their untiring efforts in making this meeting such a splendid success.

ACME LODGE, No. 60

On August 23rd I visited Acme Lodge officially and was greatly pleased with the kind reception accorded to me. There was a splendid attendance of officers and brethren and the best of fraternal feeling prevailed. I found the books and records well kept, especially the historical register. This lodge is in splendid condition financially. W. Bro. W. M. Hotsenpiller and his officers are well skilled in the duties of their respective offices. This lodge is active and making splendid progress.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 66

I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on October 5th. The lodge room is well planned and splendidly furnished. This lodge is fortunate in having several active and enthusiastic Past Masters in regular attendance at lodge meetings. W. Bro. E. A. Roach and officers perform their duties in a very efficient manner. The books and records are in first-class condition, but the historical register could be more fully written up. The property is well insured. I found the brethren very enthusiastic as to the future of Masonry in this district.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 76

On September 18th I paid an official visit to Fidelity Lodge and was most cordially received. The third degree was conferred in a most creditable manner by W. Bro. H. Ford, the W.M. I found the records in excellent condition, the property adequately insured and the brethren very interested in Masonry and working together in most excellent harmony. On May 13th I again visited this lodge and was delighted to meet the brethren in their new lodge room, which is splendidly arranged and well furnished. The F.C. degree was conferred by W. Bro. G. F. Grant, the present W.M., who does his work in an excellent manner. I believe Fidelity Lodge to be in a most prosperous condition.

CARBON LODGE, No. 107

On August 21st I made an official visit to this lodge and was kindly received. It being the busy season, the attendance was not very large. No degree work was done. The lodge room is spacious and nicely furnished. The brethren are to be complimented upon owning such an excellent lodge building. The records are properly kept, the historical register being also well written. The property is adequately insured. I believe that Carbon Lodge will continue to prosper in the future as in the past.

ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE, No. 109

I visited this lodge officially on February 6, 1924, and was received with the customary honors. As this is my home lodge, I have attended nearly all the meetings during the year and am happy to state that rapid progress is being made in every way. A majority of the members are railway men and many of them attend the lodge meetings at considerable financial loss, which at once shows their loyalty to the Order and their interest in the lodge meetings. The books and records are capably kept. The historical register is written up to date. The work of the officers of this lodge is excellent and the spirit of friendship and brotherly love is very manifest. A Masonic library has been installed and addresses on

Masonic subjects have been delivered by the brethren of the lodge at nearly every meeting. There is ample evidence of a splendid future for Ancient Landmark Lodge.

CYPRUS LODGE, No. 113

On March 21st I paid an official visit to Cyprus Lodge and was delighted to note the spirit of good fellowship which existed amongst the brethren. W. Bro. W. Harte is a very competent Master and his officers are well skilled in the work. The W.M., assisted by R.W. Bro. McFee, conferred the M.M. degree upon three candidates in a most impressive manner. I found the books and records properly kept and the property amply insured. I believe there is a bright future in store for Cyprus Lodge.

CAVELL LODGE, No. 125

On May 22nd I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge officially, accompanied by several brethren from Ancient Landmark and Apollo Lodges. There was a very large attendance of members and visitors. W. Bro. Spires, W.M., assisted by W. Bro. McHardy, conferred the third degree upon two candidates. It was a pleasure to witness this impressive ceremony so well exemplified. The books, with the exception of the cash book, were well and properly written. The property is sufficiently insured. The brethren appeared enthusiastic and anxious to see Masonry continue to prosper in Delburne. I have every confidence that this lodge, under its present management, will continue to be most successful.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren of District No. 15 for the high honor they conferred on me by electing me their D.D.G.M. and also for the cordial welcome and hearty support accorded to me at all times during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

J. F. BAUGH,

D.D.G.M., District No. 15.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), seconded by M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), "That, inasmuch as a digest of the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters will appear in the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, they be accepted by this Grand Lodge as read and referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry."

It was moved in amendment, by M.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (18), seconded by V.W. Bro. J. P. McBeath (77), "That the resolution be amended by adding 'but that the usual digest be given by the D.D.G.M.'s."

The amendment was declared "lost."

The original motion was declared "carried."

At the request of the M.W. the Grand Master, brief verbal reports were made by the several District Deputy Grand Masters who were present.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Representatives
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith submit to you my report as Grand Treasurer for the fiscal year ending January 31st, 1924:

February 1st, 1923, Cash in Bank	\$ 7,383.33
Total Deposits	22,082.53
	<u>\$29,465.86</u>
Less:	
Cheques issued	\$10,522.43
Transfers	14,032.50
	<u>24,554.93</u>
January 31st, 1924, Cash in Bank	\$ 4,910.93

A detailed account of above receipts and disbursements is fully set forth in report of Grand Secretary.

Faithfully submitted,

THOMAS SHARPE,
Grand Treasurer.

Resolved, on motion of W. Bro. H. H. Beiber (55), seconded by W. Bro. W. E. Mercer (1), "That the report of the Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Committee on Finance."

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Calgary, June 11, 1924.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith present the Nineteenth Annual Report of your Grand Secretary, containing an account of all Receipts and Expenditures for the financial year ending January 31, 1924, also a Statement of the Investments made by Grand Lodge, and of the Assets and Liabilities as of that date. I also present a synopsis of the returns of the several lodges to December 27, 1923, together with a statement of Certificates and Charters issued; new lodges formed; By-laws and Amendments thereto; Dispensations issued, and all other official acts of the M.W. the Grand Master and all other transactions of this office for the past year.

PROCEEDINGS

Twelve hundred copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with the requirements of Grand Lodge.

We are pleased to note that ten lodges have secured bound copies of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge from the date of its formation up to the end of 1923. These copies were supplied at the actual cost of binding.

CERTIFICATES

In accordance with Section 71 of the Constitution, Certificates were issued to all elected and appointed officers of Grand Lodge.

I have issued 594 Master Mason Certificates to brethren raised during the year.

During the past year 30 Life Members were registered and the requisite certificates issued.

I have also issued 98 Past Master Certificates to Past Masters who applied for the same.

CHARTERS

In compliance with instructions of Grand Lodge, Charters were issued to the following lodges, and these lodges were duly constituted and their officers installed.

Hussar Lodge, No. 130, at Hussar, in the Second Masonic District, constituted July 16, 1923, by M. W. Bro. George Murray, Grand Master.

Meridian Lodge, No. 129, at Stony Plain, in the Twelfth Masonic District, constituted July 18, 1923, by M.W. Bro. George Murray, Grand Master.

Kitscoty Lodge, No. 131, at Kitscoty, in the Tenth Masonic District, constituted July 20, 1923, by M.W. Bro. George Murray, Grand Master.

Craigmyle Lodge, at Craigmyle, in the Fourteenth Masonic District, was continued under dispensation.

Manyberries Lodge, at Manyberries, in the Seventh Masonic District, was continued under dispensation.

NEW LODGES

Renfrew Lodge, at Calgary, in the First Masonic District. Dispensation issued December 12, 1923. John Edgar Johnson, W.M.; Bertram Ellis Canniff, S.W.; William Jasper Forman, J.W. Instituted December 12, 1923, by R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis, D.D.G.M.

Alliance Lodge, at Alliance, in the Fifth Masonic District. Dispensation issued April 21, 1924. Carson J. Kendall, W.M.; Stanley W. Rutherford, S.W.; William E. Hawkins, J. W. Instituted May 9, 1924, by R.W. Bro. A. W. Dickson, D.D.G.M.

BY-LAWS

The M.W. the Grand Master has examined and approved the By-laws of the following:

Acme, No. 60	Sept.	1, 1923
Ashlar, No. 28	Dec.	18, 1923
King George, No. 59.....	Jan.	15, 1924
Cavell, No. 125	April	9, 1924

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

Perfection, No. 9	Sept.	25, 1923
Bow River, No. 1.....	Oct.	18, 1923
Cascade, No. 5.....	Oct.	22, 1923

Charity, No. 67	Oct.	22, 1923
York, No. 119	Oct.	22, 1923
Innisfail, No. 8	Nov.	14, 1923
St. Mark's, No. 118	Nov.	20, 1923
Champion, No. 84	Nov.	28, 1923
Symbol, No. 93	Dec.	18, 1923
St. Mark's, No. 118	Jan.	26, 1924
Kilwinning, No. 110	Feb.	26, 1924
Pembina, No. 126	Feb.	26, 1924
Kitchener, No. 95	March	5, 1924
Victory, No. 112	March	5, 1924
Lake Saskatoon, No. 106	March	12, 1924
Perfection, No. 9	March	31, 1924
Unity, No. 51	March	31, 1924
Beaver, No. 56	April	9, 1924
Charity, No. 67	April	28, 1924
Tawatinaw, No. 71	May	7, 1924
Pembina, No. 126	May	7, 1924
Lethbridge, No. 39	May	12, 1924

DISPENSATIONS

To Wear Regalia at Divine Service.

Acacia, No. 11	June	16, 1923
Grassy Lake, No. 57	June	18, 1923
King Hiram, No. 21	June	18, 1923
Craigmyle, U.D.	June	18, 1923
Crescent, No. 87	June	18, 1923
King George, No. 59	June	18, 1923
Coronation, No. 72	June	18, 1923
Manyberries, U.D.	June	20, 1923
West Edmonton, No. 101	June	21, 1923
Lethbridge, No. 39	June	21, 1923
Monitor, No. 120	June	21, 1923
Provost, No. 61	June	27, 1923
Stavely, No. 33	July	6, 1923
Rockyford, No. 123	July	9, 1923
Carstairs, No. 20	July	9, 1923
Pembina, No. 126	July	18, 1923
Bow Island, No. 64	Aug.	14, 1923
Fidelity, No. 76	Aug.	29, 1923
St. Andrew's, No. 66	Sept.	4, 1923
Carbon, No. 107	Oct.	10, 1923
Saskatchewan, No. 92	Nov.	5, 1923
Cairo, No. 32	Feb.	27, 1924
Hand Hill, No. 98	March	3, 1924
Edson, No. 68	March	13, 1924
Craigmyle, U.D.	April	7, 1924
Concord, No. 124	April	14, 1924
Bassano, No. 55	May	13, 1924
King George, No. 59	May	12, 1924
King Hiram, No. 21	May	22, 1924
Crossfield, No. 48	May	30, 1924
Camrose, No. 37	May	30, 1924
West Edmonton, No. 101	May	31, 1924
Mount Lebanon, No. 54	June	3, 1924

TO ELECT AND INSTALL OUT OF TIME

Vermilion, No. 24	June	30, 1923
Tuscan, No. 43	July	4, 1923
King Hiram, No. 21	July	16, 1923
Kenilworth, No. 29	July	23, 1923
Kitscoty, No. 131	Aug.	1, 1923
Carbon, No. 107	Aug.	9, 1923
Hope, No. 38	Aug.	16, 1923
Acme, No. 60	Aug.	29, 1923
St. Andrew's, No. 66	Sept.	22, 1923
Spirit River, No. 116	Oct.	25, 1923
Diamond City, No. 65	Dec.	31, 1923
Champion, No. 84	Jan.	8, 1924
Cyprus, No. 113	Jan.	12, 1924
Cyprus, No. 113	Feb.	12, 1924
Beaver, No. 56	March	3, 1924
Morning Star, No. 79	March	8, 1924
Strathmore, No. 53	April	22, 1924
Clive, No. 121	April	26, 1924

TO HOLD SPECIAL INSTALLATIONS

St. Andrew's, No. 66	June	15, 1923
Jasper, No. 14	June	16, 1923
Acme, No. 60	June	18, 1923
Patricia, No. 91	June	18, 1923
Edson, No. 68	June	21, 1923
Palestine, No. 46	June	21, 1923
Norwood, No. 90	June	28, 1923
Connaught, No. 69	June	29, 1923
West Edmonton, No. 101	June	30, 1923
Empire, No. 63	Nov.	14, 1923
Concord, No. 124	Nov.	26, 1923
King George, No. 59	Nov.	28, 1923
Zetland, No. 83	Dec.	3, 1923
St. Mark's, No. 118	Dec.	6, 1923
Calgary, No. 23	Dec.	10, 1923
Edmonton, No. 7	Dec.	10, 1923
Carbon, No. 107	Dec.	10, 1923
Pembina, No. 126	Dec.	12, 1923
Ancient Landmark, No. 109	Dec.	13, 1923
Unity, No. 51	Dec.	15, 1923
Crescent, No. 87	Dec.	17, 1923
Victory, No. 112	Dec.	19, 1923
Stavely, No. 33	Dec.	20, 1923
Diamond City, No. 65	Dec.	21, 1923
Wahnum, No. 88	Dec.	27, 1923
North Star, No. 4	Dec.	27, 1923
Lethbridge, No. 39	Dec.	27, 1923
Charity, No. 67	Dec.	27, 1923
York, No. 119	Dec.	27, 1923
Meridian, No. 129	Dec.	29, 1923
Cairo, No. 32	Jan.	4, 1924
Forestburg, No. 128	Jan.	4, 1924
Granite, No. 127	Jan.	7, 1924
Carstairs, No. 20	Jan.	9, 1924
Comet, No. 50	Jan.	9, 1924

Coronation, No. 72	Jan.	9, 1924
Excelsior, No. 80	Feb.	8, 1924
Saskatchewan, No. 92	April	29, 1924
Edson, No. 68	May	30, 1924

TO HOLD SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Connaught, No. 69	June	20, 1923
Saskatchewan, No. 92	April	29, 1924

TO CHANGE NIGHT OF REGULAR MEETING

Buffalo Park, No. 44	June	20, 1923
Forestburg, No. 128	July	27, 1923
Provost, No. 61	Sept.	24, 1923
Concord, No. 124	Oct.	22, 1923
Empire, No. 63	Nov.	14, 1923
Bassano, No. 55	Dec.	10, 1923
Zetland, No. 83	Dec.	11, 1923
York, No. 119	Dec.	11, 1923
Kenilworth, No. 29	Dec.	26, 1923
Unity, No. 51	Dec.	27, 1923
Vermilion, No. 24	Dec.	31, 1923
Crossfield, No. 48	Jan.	22, 1924
Cyprus, No. 113	March	12, 1924
Saskatchewan, No. 92	April	29, 1924
Star of the West, No. 34	May	17, 1924
Red Deer, No. 12	May	26, 1924
Symbol, No. 93	May	29, 1924

TO CHANGE HOUR OF REGULAR MEETING

York, No. 119	Feb.	13, 1924
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TO ACT WITH PHYSICAL DEFECT

Edson, No. 68	Sept.	18, 1923
King George, No. 59	Oct.	5, 1923
Empire, No. 63	Nov.	14, 1923
King George, No. 59	Jan.	15, 1924
Patricia, No. 91	Jan.	15, 1924
Cairo, No. 32	Feb.	11, 1924
Craigmyle, U.D.	Feb.	23, 1924
Carbon, No. 107	March	3, 1924
Wahpun, No. 88	May	12, 1924

TO INSTALL A W.M. WITHOUT WARDEN'S QUALIFICATIONS

Tuscan, No. 43	Dec.	27, 1923
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TO CONFER DEGREES OUT OF TIME

Edgerton, No. 102	Nov.	1, 1923
Cascade, No. 5	Dec	12, 1923

LODGES INCORPORATED

Morning Star, No. 79 Dec. 27, 1923

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, the M.W. the Grand Master has appointed R.W. Bro. Frederick William Buckham, our Grand Representative, near the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of Oklahoma, the M.W. the Grand Master has appointed R.W. Bro. Henry S. Johnson, of Perry, Oklahoma, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of the District of Columbia, the M.W. the Grand Master has appointed W. Bro. George M. Evans, of Washington, D.C., our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of Arizona, the M.W. the Grand Master has appointed W. Bro. Harry Darwin DuBois, of Safford, Arizona, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of Indiana, the M.W. the Grand Master has appointed M.W. Bros. Wm. H. Swintz, of Indianapolis, Indiana, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of Nebraska, the M.W. the Grand Master has appointed W. Bro. Earl M. Bolen, of Ulysses, Nebraska, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of Alberta, brethren were commissioned as Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Alberta, as follows:

Jurisdiction	Representative
Maryland	R.W. Bro. Robt. Pearson, Calgary.
Prince Edward Island.....	W. Bro. W. E. Lord, Red Deer.
Indiana	W. Bro. George T. Bragg, Edmonton

The following Special Committees were appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Chairman; M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill; M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop.

GRAND SECRETARY'S ADDRESS

R.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers, Chairman; R.W. Bro. H. W. Meech; R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell.

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, Chairman; R.W. Bro. C. V. Bennett; R.W. Bro. W. H. Williams.

FRATERNAL DEAD

R.W. Bro. George W. Kerby, Chairman, R.W. Bro. D. K. Allan;
V.W. Bro. R. Hodge.

MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership, December 27, 192211,738

INCREASE

Initiated		618
Passed	611	
Raised	594	
Joined		323
Reinstated		40
Total increase		981

DECREASE

Dimitted		363
Suspended, N.P.D.		261
Suspended, U.M.C.		7
Died		71
Total decrease		702

Net increase 279

Total membership, December 27, 1923.....12,017

The following statement shows our comparative increase during the last three years:

	1921	1922	1923
Initiated	1,021	673	618
Joined	511	304	323
Reinstated	50	61	40
Total increase	1,582	1,038	981
Total decrease	662	686	702
Net Increase	920	352	279

As a consequence, our revenue from initiation and certificate fees was as follows:

1921	1922	1923
\$4,282.00	\$3,108.00	\$2,914.00

DISTRICT MEETINGS

We were present at each of the fourteen District Meetings held during the year. As one of the Custodians of the Work we endeavored to impress upon the brethren the desirability of insisting upon uniformity and accuracy of work throughout the jurisdiction. It was pointed out that this is basic and fundamental to the success of a lodge. The methods adopted by other Grand Jurisdictions to secure this object were outlined. Examples were given of a number of the older Grand Lodges who had neglected to organize and enforce this practice and the resultant consequences.

The brethren were urged to profit by the experiences outlined by Grand Masters of other jurisdictions and lay the foundation firmly and securely while this Grand Lodge was yet young and plastic and before varying practices had become established in our lodges.

We find that the desire is increasing amongst our brethren for more instruction in the esoteric work and that these meetings as well as the frequent intervisitations of neighboring lodges are creating a healthy spirit of fraternal rivalry as to whom can best perform our ceremonies.

The method adopted this year of demonstrating such portions of the work as may be asked for by the brethren, rather than the exemplification of a degree, made it possible to cover a larger field in the allotted time. Nevertheless, the usual custom of conferring one or more degrees in full, by the officers of a lodge has its advantages.

We have outlined in former years what appeared to us to be the advantages accruing from District Meetings, apart from the imparting of instruction in degree work and our added experience convinces us that where the Grand Lodge Officers are enthusiastically supported by the lodges of the district, these meetings have been an unqualified success and much benefit has been derived therefrom.

It has been a great pleasure to me to accompany the Grand Master, not only during his journey to the various District Meetings but also to a number of special meetings held during his term of office and I desire to record my sincere thanks for the many courtesies extended to me by the brethren generally and especially by our esteemed Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR,
Grand Secretary.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY AND AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31st, 1924.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary in Account with Grand Lodge.

Moneys received between February 1st, 1923, and January 31st, 1924.

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
1.	Bow River	\$271.15	43.	Tuscan	\$143.25
2.	Medicine Hat	348.40	44.	Buffalo Park	107.90
3.	Alberta	155.25	45.	Ionic	82.75
4.	North Star	490.05	46.	Palestine	118.55
5.	Cascade	242.80	47.	Chinook	33.50
6.	Spitzie	186.00	48.	Crossfield	184.05
7.	Edmonton	524.85	49.	Robert Burns	132.05
8.	Innisfail	231.75	50.	Comet	102.15
9.	Perfection	384.30	51.	Unity	776.80
10.	Eureka	200.50	53.	Strathmore	130.35
11.	Acacia	322.90	54.	Mount Lebanon	479.00
12.	Red Deer	248.00	55.	Bassano	213.00
13.	Victoria	119.59	56.	Beaver	101.15
14.	Jasper	307.65	57.	Grassy Lake	76.55
15.	Wetaskiwin	155.95	58.	Chief Mountain	95.25
16.	Mountain View	125.93	59.	King George	759.75
17.	Nanton	134.05	60.	Acme	116.62
18.	Britannia	121.85	61.	Provost	130.10
19.	Cornerstone	258.45	62.	Coal	58.25
20.	Carstairs	104.70	63.	Empire	158.85
21.	King Hiram	145.75	64.	Bow Island	152.10
22.	Corinthian	136.75	65.	Diamond City	86.95
23.	Calgary	727.20	66.	St. Andrew's	102.50
24.	Vermilion	177.60	67.	Charity	161.05
25.	St. John's	224.75	68.	Edson	237.35
26.	Sentinel	130.00	69.	Connaught	74.85
27.	Apollo	172.55	70.	Quarry	114.15
28.	Ashlar	221.70	71.	Tawatinaw	38.50
29.	Kenilworth	119.15	72.	Coronation	138.40
30.	Summit	244.20	73.	Brooks	157.60
31.	Doric	157.50	74.	Vulcan	142.25
32.	Cairo	124.00	75.	Harmony	44.00
33.	Stavely	119.40	77.	Strathcona	177.75
34.	Star of the West...	100.95	78.	Hanna	180.70
35.	Mizpah	255.50	79.	Morning Star	98.80
36.	Gleichen	222.25	80.	Excelsior	88.57
37.	Camrose	127.30	81.	Commercial	439.55
38.	Hope	62.25	82.	Acadia	95.55
39.	Lethbridge	309.35	83.	Zetland	192.05
40.	Joppa	75.05	84.	Champion	146.60
41.	King Solomon	57.60	85.	Suffield	55.75
42.	Bowden	71.45	86.	Rocky Mountain ...	124.15

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
87.	Crescent	\$375.29	113.	Cyprus	\$ 93.35
88.	Wahpun	72.15	114.	Westlock	201.95
89.	Peace River	159.80	115.	Crocus	63.95
90.	Norwood	220.80	116.	Spirit River	88.25
91.	Patricia	367.25	117.	Dominion	209.90
92.	Saskatchewan	265.40	118.	St. Mark's	125.05
93.	Symbol	320.85	119.	York	114.45
94.	Lamont	83.70	120.	Monitor	53.25
95.	Kitchener	91.40	121.	Clive	48.87
96.	Dynamic	103.50	122.	Rising Sun	112.50
97.	Albion	48.24	123.	Rockyford	69.50
98.	Hand Hill	92.25	124.	Concord	145.90
99.	Mount Moriah	20.00	125.	Cavell	61.75
100.	Warner	38.00	126.	Pembina	136.80
101.	West Edmonton	290.35	127.	Granite	98.00
102.	Edgerton	46.35	128.	Forestburg	169.20
103.	Foremost	71.60	130.	Hussar	71.80
104.	Oyen	176.60	131.	Kitscoty	107.10
105.	Grande Prairie	156.15	U.D.	Craigmyle	40.90
106.	Lake Saskatoon	92.80	U.D.	Manyberries	106.55
107.	Carbon	105.90	U.D.	Renfrew	67.00
108.	Pyramid	28.00	Masonic District No. 8...	268.00	
109.	Ancient Landmark...	79.05	Masonic District No. 11..	109.00	
110.	Kilwinning	92.60	Sundry Accounts	30.40	
111.	Nobleford	35.85			
112.	Victory	62.21			
			Total		\$22,115.98

MASONIC BENEVOLENT FUND RECEIPTS

From February 1st, 1923, to January 31st, 1924.

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
44.	Buffalo Park	\$120.00		Rent, 14th Ave. Property,	
47.	Chinook	27.70		Calgary	580.00
82.	Acadia	4.00		Transferred from Current	
86.	Rocky Mountain	5.00		Account	8,513.75
	Edmonton Past Masters'			Interest, Savings Account.	30.62
	Association	16.00			
	Grand Chapter R.A.M....	100.00			
	Rent, 3rd Ave. Property,				
	Calgary	218.00	Total		\$9,615.07

LEDGER BALANCES

As at January 31st, 1924.

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
1.	Bow River	\$ 19.00	77.	Strathcona	\$ 45.10
2.	Medicine Hat	8.10	79.	Morning Star	.30
3.	Alberta	5.55	80.	Excelsior	14.68
5.	Cascade	5.60	82.	Acadia	2.00
6.	Spitzie	.15	83.	Zetland	4.75
7.	Edmonton	1.50	84.	Champion	3.05
10.	Eureka	.15	85.	Suffield	21.45
11.	Acacia	.15	86.	Rocky Mountain ...	2.05
12.	Red Deer	.75	89.	Peace River	1.10
13.	Victoria	.15	90.	Norwood	.30
14.	Jasper	4.25	91.	Patricia	20.30
16.	Mountain View	.97	92.	Saskatchewan	2.10
17.	Nanton	1.20	93.	Symbol	2.15
19.	Cornerstone	20.15	94.	Lamont	2.45
21.	King Hiram	1.75	95.	Kitchener	.65
22.	Corinthian	5.15	98.	Hand Hill	34.55
24.	Vermilion	42.75	99.	Mount Moriah	24.40
25.	St. John's	1.30	100.	Warner	32.70
26.	Sentinel	7.95	101.	West Edmonton	7.35
28.	Ashlar	188.35	103.	Foremost	1.80
29.	Kenilworth	4.05	104.	Oyen	.30
31.	Doric	5.35	105.	Grande Prairie	8.10
32.	Cairo	1.15	106.	Lake Saskatoon	5.69
33.	Stavely	1.00	107.	Carbon	.15
35.	Mizpah	4.60	108.	Pyramid	.65
36.	Gleichen	9.50	112.	Victory	12.79
37.	Camrose	2.80	114.	Westlock	27.65
38.	Hope	1.00	115.	Crocus	.90
41.	King Solomon	.15	117.	Dominion	1.20
43.	Tuscan	12.90	118.	St. Mark's	2.25
45.	Ionic	44.15	120.	Monitor	236.65
47.	Chinook	1.70	122.	Rising Sun	2.60
48.	Crossfield	8.60	123.	Rockyford	1.10
50.	Comet	49.30	124.	Concord	1.20
51.	Unity	6.75	125.	Cavell	1.25
53.	Strathmore	3.50	126.	Pembina	.30
55.	Bassano	18.75	127.	Granite	18.65
57.	Grassy Lake	.30	129.	Meridian	65.20
58.	Chief Mountain	6.75	130.	Hussar	.45
59.	King George	10.00	131.	Kitscoty	9.60
60.	Acme	1.03	U.D.	Manyberries	.30
63.	Empire	.15	Masonic Dist. No. 3.....	.15	
64.	Bow Island	.90	Masonic Dist. No. 7.....	28.22	
65.	Diamond City	.15	Masonic Dist. No. 8.....	57.60	
66.	St. Andrew's	.30	Masonic Dist. No. 11.....	42.31	
67.	Charity	.25	Masonic Dist. No. 13.....	81.85	
69.	Connaught	5.25	Masonic Dist. No. 15.....	109.00	
71.	Tawatinaw	3.90	Sundry Small Accounts...	32.25	
74.	Vulcan	.30			
75.	Harmony	1.20			
76.	Fidelity	224.40			
				Total	\$1,716.64

CREDIT BALANCES

As at January 31st, 1924.

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
4.	North Star	\$ 18.00	88.	Wahpun	\$ 1.95
8.	Innisfail	1.05	96.	Dynamic	3.95
15.	Wetaskiwin	.05	97.	Albion	.05
18.	Britannia	.45	102.	Edgerton	2.00
27.	Apollo	1.85	109.	Ancient Landmark ..	6.50
30.	Summit	.75	110.	Kilwinning	.50
40.	Joppa	.50	111.	Nobleford	.60
42.	Bowden	9.85	113.	Cyprus	.75
44.	Buffalo Park	3.70	119.	York	20.00
49.	Robert Burns	.45	121.	Clive	10.12
56.	Beaver	1.00	128.	Forestburg	21.70
61.	Provost	.85		U.D. Craigmyle	.25
62.	Coal	8.35		Masonic Dist. No. 2.....	17.45
68.	Edson	4.20		Masonic Dist. No. 9.....	8.75
72.	Coronation	.20		Masonic Dist. No. 12.....	1.50
73.	Brooks	.30			
81.	Commercial	.15			
			Total		\$147.77

MASONIC BENEVOLENT FUND STATEMENT

Feb. 1st, 1923—Balance in Savings	\$ 2,337.78
Cash Receipts	1,070.70
Dues	5,513.75
Transferred from Current Account	3,000.00
War Bonds, 1923, redeemed	4,000.00
Interest, Savings	30.62
	<u>\$15,952.85</u>

Less:

Invested in Bonds	\$13,414.54
City of Calgary, Taxes	289.46
Security Trust Co., Insurance	184.20
Wilkinson Electric Co., Wiring	5.00
Andrew Brown, Repairs	24.95
J. B. Rogers & Co., Plumbing Repairs ..	11.75

13,929.90

Feb. 1st, 1924—Cash in Savings Account	\$ 2,022.95
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MASONIC RELIEF FUND STATEMENT

Feb. 1st, 1923—Balance in Savings Account	\$ 8,962.93
Interest on Bonds	4,041.93
Dues	5,513.75
Interest, Savings	141.47

18,660.08

Less:

Cheques Issued	\$ 7,669.82
Invested in Bonds	5,252.57

12,922.39

Feb. 1st, 1924—Balance in Savings Account	5,737.69
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STATEMENT OF VOUCHERS ISSUED

February 1st, 1923, to January 31st, 1924

No.	Name	Amount
1.	West-Keith Ltd., Supplies	\$ 3.50
2.	Dominion Regalia Co., Regalia	99.65
3.	Marshall-Bevers Ltd., Supplies	1.00
4.	Deputy Minister of Telephones, Rent	26.00
5.	Ontario Laundry Ltd., Rent of Cabinet	8.75
6.	Star Printing Works Ltd., Books, Order on Treasurer.....	36.37
7.	Nancy Moore, Caretaker, Wages	7.50
8.	K. E. Niles, Salary as Stenographer	75.00
9.	S. Y. Taylor, Salary, Postage and Expense	278.68
10.	C. J. Campbell & Co., Rent, Offices	186.00
11.	Albertan Job Press, Printing	114.50
12.	Star Printing Works Ltd., Books, Lodge Receipts.....	22.31
13.	Bank of Nova Scotia, Rent of Safe	5.00
14.	Nancy Moore, Caretaker, Wages	7.50
15.	K. E. Niles, Salary as Stenographer	75.00
16.	S. Y. Taylor, Salary, Postage and Expense	277.40
17.	Wilkinson Electric Co., Ltd., Wiring	5.17
18.	F. S. Selwood, Grand Master's Expenses	100.00
19.	Star Printing Works, Ltd., Printing, Envelopes	33.44
20.	Nancy Moore, Caretaker, Wages	7.50
21.	K. E. Niles, Salary as Stenographer	75.00
22.	S. Y. Taylor, Salary, Postage and Expense	285.15
23.	Linton Bros., Books and Supplies	63.05
24.	Calgary Water Power Co., Electric Light	14.42
25.	F. S. Selwood, Grand Master's Expenses	100.00
26.	Dominion Express Co., Express Charges	10.62
27.	Nancy Moore, Caretaker, Wages	7.50
28.	K. E. Niles, Salary as Stenographer	75.00
29.	S. Y. Taylor, Salary, Postage and Expense	275.26
30.	Stanley Paper Co., Paper	1.56
31.	Pantagraph Printing & Stationery Co., Lists of Lodges....	45.68
32.	Dominion Regalia Co., Regalia	98.10
33.	James Cleave, Premium, Insurance	87.50
34.	W. A. Ackland, Premium, Insurance	65.28
35.	H. McClelland, Labor and Material, Shelving Stockroom....	101.80
36.	Nancy Moore, Caretaker, Wages	7.50
37.	K. E. Niles, Salary as Stenographer	75.00
38.	S. Y. Taylor, Salary, Postage and Expense	268.90
39.	Albertan Job Press, Printing, Notices of Grand Lodge Com- munication	9.67
40.	Office Specialty Co., Document Section	32.46
41.	Ontario Laundry, Hire of Cabinet	5.00
42.	Star Printing Works, Printing	40.95
43.	Dominion Regalia Co., Regalia	161.10
44.	C. J. Campbell & Co., Rent of Offices	186.00
45.	Palliser Hotel, Accommodation, Guests of Grand Lodge....	28.95
46.	Deputy Minister of Telephones, Rent and Long Distance ..	33.35
47.	H. M. Pearson, Grant (Subsequently returned)	400.00
48.	Jesse Rockley, Removal of Chairs to G.W.V.A. Hall	5.00
49.	S. G. Petley, Rent of Memorial Hall	50.00
50.	Henry Birks & Sons, Leather Cases for Aprons	20.00

No.	Name	Amount
51.	Star Printing Works, Ltd., Printing	\$ 31.31
52.	W. L. Stockwell, Fargo to Calgary and return	102.32
53.	Wm. Ireland, Salary as Auditor	150.60
54.	R. S. Thornton, Expenses re Visit to Calgary.....	85.00
55.	Percy Fielding, Allowance as Grand Tyler.....	54.30
56.	S. Y. Taylor, Salary, Postage and Expense	278.52
57.	K. E. Niles, Salary as Stenographer	75.00
58.	Nancy Moore, Caretaker, Wages	7.50
59.	Star Printing Works Ltd., Letterheads, Grand Master.....	10.92
60.	W. G. Knights, Binding	21.32
61.	A. Lewis, Library Books	15.25
62.	W. J. Songhurst, Book	4.95
63.	Geo. Murray, Grand Master's Expenses	100.00
64.	Dominion Regalia Co., Regalia	105.72
65.	Linton Bros., Books and Supplies	27.55
66.	H. R. Chauncey Ltd., Engraving Jewel, Etc.....	2.00
67.	Western Tent and Mattress Co., Removing Awning.....	4.50
68.	Albertan Job Press, Printing Circulars	50.43
69.	Dominion Regalia Co., Regalia	149.40
70.	J. H. Routledge, Engrossing Charters	12.00
71.	J. D. McAra, Printing	86.22
72.	S. Y. Taylor, Salary, Postage and Expense	327.90
73.	K. E. Niles, Salary as Stenographer	75.00
74.	Nancy Moore, Caretaker, Wages	7.50
75.	H. E. Cutler, Honorarium	25.00
76.	George Murray, Grand Master's Expenses	100.00
77.	M. Pinkham, Services as Stenographer	20.00
78.	Dominion Express Co., Charges	5.60
79.	C. J. Campbell & Co., Rent of Offices	186.00
80.	S. Y. Taylor, Salary, Postage and Expense	279.26
81.	K. E. Niles, Salary as Stenographer	85.00
82.	Nancy Moore, Caretaker, Wages	7.50
83.	J. D. McAra, Printing Addresses	99.80
84.	City Cartage Co., Cartage	1.50
85.	E. B. Curlette, Photo, Etc.....	6.50
86.	Bennett Glass Co., Ltd., Glass for Door of Office.....	3.75
87.	Samuel Harris, Expenses District No. 13.....	27.50
88.	Albertan Job Press, Printing Ceremonials	45.00
89.	Short, Ross, Selwood, Etc., Substitute Stenographer.	7.70
90.	Olive Baldwin, Substitute Stenographer	15.50
91.	Macleod Letter Service, Multigraphing.....	1.75
92.	S. Y. Taylor, Salary, Postage and Expense.....	272.90
93.	K. E. Niles, Salary as Stenographer.....	85.00
94.	Nancy Moore, Caretaker, Wages	7.50
95.	Office Specialty Co., Supplies	4.70
96.	Art Sign Co., Lettering Office Doors and Windows.....	29.20
97.	Neve Agencies Ltd., Premium, Insurance.....	57.60
98.	W. G. Knights, Mailing Tubes.....	12.54
99.	Office Specialty Co., Cards	17.24
100.	Henry Birks & Sons, Jewel.....	50.00
101.	Ontario Laundry Ltd., Rent of Cabinet.....	5.00
102.	Copp, Clark Co. Ltd., Certificates.....	140.92
103.	Star Printing Works Ltd., Letterheads	44.62
104.	S. Y. Taylor, Expenses re Lodges of Instruction	100.00
105.	George Murray, Grand Master's Expenses.....	100.00
106.	Deputy Minister of Telephones, Rent.....	19.50

No.	Name	Amount
107.	J. D. McAra, Printing Proceedings, Etc.	\$ 890.40
108.	Albertan Job Press, Printing Circular.....	7.00
109.	Henry Birks & Sons, Jewel	50.00
110.	Dominion Regalia Co., Regalias	196.20
111.	W. G. Knights, Binding Proceedings.....	43.10
112.	Nancy Moore, Caretaker, Wages.....	7.50
113.	K. E. Niles, Salary as Stenographer.....	85.00
114.	S. Y. Taylor, Salary, Postage and Expenses.....	264.84
115.	George Murray, Grand Master's Expenses.....	100.00
116.	W. M. Connacher, Expenses re Lodges of Instruction.....	75.00
117.	Metropolitan Supply Co., 2 copies 1908 Proceedings.....	1.65
118.	Linton Bros., Supplies	15.10
119.	Calgary Water Power Co., Electric Light.....	5.46
120.	Nancy Moore, Caretaker, Wages	7.50
121.	K. E. Niles, Salary as Stenographer.....	85.00
122.	S. Y. Taylor, Salary, Postage and Expense.....	297.68
123.	Office Specialty Co., Index Cards	34.01
124.	Deputy Minister of Telephones, Tolls and Directory.....	5.95
125.	Star Printing Works Ltd., Printing Circular Letter.....	6.20
126.	Marshall Hardware Co., Electric Light Bulbs	4.50
127.	Office Specialty Co., Cards	4.49
128.	Ontario Laundry Ltd., Rent of Cabinet.....	3.75
129.	W. G. Knights, Binding Files	7.68
130.	W. M. Logan, Books	175.00
131.	Willson Stationery Co., Christmas Cards	49.00
132.	McAinsh & Co. Ltd., History of Freemasonry in Canada...	26.00
133.	Star Printing Works Ltd., Lodge Receipt Books, 1924.....	116.00
134.	Nancy Moore, Caretaker, Wages	7.50
135.	K. E. Niles, Salary as Stenographer	85.00
136.	S. Y. Taylor, Salary, Postage and Expenses.....	281.69
137.	A. G. Austin, Rent of Offices.....	186.00
138.	Deputy Minister of Telephones, Rent.....	6.50
139.	Dominion Regalia Co., Regalia	98.10
140.	Remington Typewriter Co., Supplies	3.75
141.	Deputy Minister of Telephones, Tolls.....	1.00
142.	Masonic Service Association of the United States, Library Books	23.52
143.	F. E. Osborne, Card Index Cabinets	10.00
		\$10,522.43

INVESTMENT AND LOAN ACCOUNT

BENEVOLENT FUND:

Dominion and Provincial Bonds.....	\$83,536.66
Calgary Real Estate	10,397.79
Benevolent Loans	883.00

CURRENT ACCOUNT:

Loan, Mrs. Elizabeth Whitlock	300.00
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\$95,117.45

INTEREST ACCOUNT

As at January 31st, 1924.

	Accrued Interest
Dominion and Provincial Bonds, Benevolent Fund.....	\$1,059.15

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

May 31st, 1924

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and
Members Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.:

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

In accordance with the Constitution I have conducted an audit of the books of the Grand Secretary for the fiscal year ended 31st January, 1924, and submit herewith the following statements:—

Balance Sheet of the General and Benevolent Funds as at 31st January, 1924.

Abstract of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the General and Benevolent Funds for the period.

Revenue Account of the General Fund for the year ended 31st January, 1924.

I have to report that all my requirements as Auditor have been complied with; that full and sufficient vouchers have been furnished me covering all payments, and that all information and explanations required by me have been satisfactorily answered. All payments from the Relief Fund have been duly authorized by the Benevolence Committee.

The several Bank Accounts have been reconciled and found to be in order. The securities held have been examined and found to agree with the books.

In accordance with the resolution of Grand Lodge there has been transferred from the General Fund \$3,000.00 in cash and the Bond Investment of \$1,000.00, to the Benevolent Fund Capital Account. The increase in the Capital Account of the Benevolent Fund is made up of \$5,252.57 from the Relief Fund, \$3,975.00 from the Current Fund, and \$5,503.00 from the Assessment under the per capita tax. The additions from outside sources for the year only amount to \$272.70.

Accruals to Revenue Account have not been taken into consideration in preparing this account, and the revenue shown represents the actual revenue received during the fiscal period.

All expenses have been taken into consideration, and the net result of the Revenue Account is explained by the falling off in Revenue. The cost of operating the Grand Lodge Office has not varied during the past three years, and every effort seems to have been made to operate the affairs of Grand Lodge consistent with true economy.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM IRELAND,
Chartered Accountant.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A. F. & A. M.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JANUARY, 1924.

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
GENERAL FUND:		GENERAL FUND:	
Cash in Bank of Nova Scotia	\$4,910.93	Balances due to Lodges	\$ 147.77
Balance due from Lodges	1,716.64	Surplus Account—	
Books, Stationery and Supplies on hand	2,202.93	Balance, February 1, 1923	14,059.85
Furniture and Fixtures	1,186.96	Less Special Grants to Benevolent Fund	3,975.00
Regalia	225.00		<u>10,084.85</u>
Excess payments to Relief and Benevolent Funds	21.50	Plus excess of Income over Expenditure as per Revenue Account	31.34
	<u>\$ 10,263.96</u>		<u>10,116.19</u>
BENEVOLENT FUND:			<u>10,263.96</u>
Balances in Bank of Nova Scotia:		BENEVOLENT FUND CAPITAL ACCOUNT:	
Savings Account, Relief Fund	\$5,697.69	Balance, 1st Feb., 1923.....	\$ 79,610.02
Savings Account, Capital Fund	2,022.95	Additions during year.....	15,003.27
Investments, Dominion of Canada and Provincial Government Bonds at Cost	82,455.95		<u>94,613.29</u>
(Par Value, \$83,536.66)		Relief Fund Surplus Account	7,881.74
Real Estate at Cost	10,397.79		
Sundry Loans	883.00		
Accrued Interest	1,059.15		
	<u>102,516.53</u>	Amount due General Fund.....	21.50
	<u>\$112,780.49</u>		<u>102,516.53</u>

Calgary, May 31st, 1924.

I hereby certify the foregoing Balance Sheet to be a true and correct statement of the financial position of Grand Lodge as disclosed by the books and information supplied.

WM. IRELAND,
Chartered Accountant,
Auditor.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A. F. & A. M.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, from February 1st, 1923, to January 31st, 1924.

RECEIPTS

To Cash in Bank of Nova Scotia, February 1, 1923..	\$7,383.33
" Receipts from Lodges	22,115.98
" Interest on Dominion Government Bonds	27.50

\$29,526.81

DISBURSEMENTS

By Books and Stationery	\$ 717.01
" General Expenses	1,804.94
" Furniture and Fixtures	138.76
" Insurance	210.38
" Office Rent	744.00
" Salaries	4,143.20
" Postage and Express	277.78
" Printing	1,201.61
" Telephones and Telegrams	106.48
" Bank Exchange	60.95
" Fees collected from Lodges for Relief and Benevolent Funds	11,032.50
" Regalia Purchased	1,028.27
" Grant to Benevolent Fund	3,000.00
" Balance Bank of Nova Scotia	4,910.93

\$29,526.81

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GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A. F. & A. M.

REVENUE ACCOUNT

For 12 Months Ended 31st January, 1924.

By Membership Fees	\$5,503.00
" Initiation Fees	1,503.00
" Certificate Fees	1,411.00
" Life Membership Fees	279.00
" Charter Fees	105.00
" Dispensations	333.00
" Supplies Sold	2,028.25
" Interest on War Bonds	27.50
" Fines	25.00
	\$10,931.75

GROSS REVENUE

To Cost of Supplies Sold.....	\$2,092.72
" Office Expenses—	
Rent	\$ 744.00
Salaries	4,143.20
Postage and Express	277.78
Telephone and Telegrams	106.48
Cleaning	112.50
Office Supplies and Stationery	324.20
Light	19.88
	5,728.04
To Printing	1,291.61
" Grand Master's Travelling Expenses	862.23
" Insurance	210.38
" Grand Lodge Meeting Expenses	321.62
" General Expenses	224.51
" Depreciation Furniture and Fixtures	169.30
	10,900.41
Excess of Income over Expenditure	
	31.34

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A. F. & A. M.

RELIEF FUND

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, from 1st February, 1923,
to 31st January, 1924.

To Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia, February 1st, 1923.	\$8,922.93	
" Lodge Assessments	5,513.75	
" Interest on Investments	4,041.93	
" Interest on Savings	141.47	
" Relief Grants Paid		\$7,669.82
" Invested in Dominion of Canada 1934 Bonds	5,252.57	
" Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia	5,697.60	
	<u>\$18,620.08</u>	<u>\$18,620 08</u>

BENEVOLENT FUND

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, from 1st February, 1923,
to 31st January, 1924.

To Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia, February 1st, 1923.	\$2,337.78	
" Receipts from Properties	798.00	
" Lodge Assessments	5,513.75	
" Lodge Donations	272.70	
" Dominion Government Bonds Redeemed.....	4,000.00	
" Grant from General Fund	3,000.00	
" Interest on Savings Account	30.62	
" Invested in Bonds		13,414.54
" Taxes on Properties		289.46
" Insurance on Properties		184.20
" Repairs to Properties.....		41.70
" Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia, January 31st, 1924.....		2,022.95
	<u>\$15,952.85</u>	<u>\$15,952.85</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A. F. & A. M.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, from February 1st
to May 31st, 1924.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia, February 1st.....	\$4,910.93
" Receipts from Lodges	3,546.18
	\$8,457.11

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Books and Stationery	\$ 478.44
" General Expense	214.97
" Fixtures	3.75
" Insurance	152.78
" Rent	186.00
" Salaries	1,340.00
" Postage and Express	74.08
" Printing	18.48
" Telephones and Telegrams	51.02
" Payments to Relief and Benevolent Funds.....	1,500.50
" Exchange	13.35
" Balance in Bank	4,324.74
	\$8,457.11

Calgary, June 2nd, 1924.

I hereby certify that I have audited the foregoing statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements and certify same to be true and correct and in accordance with the vouchers submitted.

WM. IRELAND,

Chartered Accountant,
Auditor.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A. F. & A. M.

RELIEF FUND

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, from February 1st, to
May 31st, 1924.

To Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia, February 1st, 1924.	\$5,697.69	
" Interest on Securities	1,685.43	
" Per Capita Tax	795.25	
" Repayment of Loans	117.00	
" Earnings from Properties Transferred from Benevolent Fund	282.64	
" Grants		2,607.02
" Balance		5,970.99
	<u>\$8,578.01</u>	<u>\$8,578.01</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A. F. & A. M.

BENEVOLENT FUND

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, from February 1st to
May 31st, 1924.

To Balance Bank of Nova Scotia, February 1st, 1924.	\$2,022.95	
" Receipts from Properties	220.00	
" Per Capita Tax	795.25	
" Investments in Bonds		2,521.49
" Repairs to Properties		10.45
" Transferred to Relief Fund		282.64
" Balance in Bank		223.62
	<u>\$3,038.20</u>	<u>\$3,038.20</u>

Resolved, on motion of W. Bro. E. S. Tharp (83), seconded by W. Bro. G. T. French (28), "That the report of the Grand Secretary, except that of the financial statement, be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, and that the financial statement, including the auditor's report, be referred to the Committee on Finance."

It was announced that M.W. Bro. J. W. MacNeill, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, was in waiting, whereupon the Grand Master directed M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis and R.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers to retire and introduce the distinguished visitor.

M.W. Bro. MacNeill was cordially welcomed by the Grand Master, received with Grand Honors and invited to a seat in the Grand East, after which he expressed his personal pleasure at being present at our Annual Communication and stated that, inasmuch as he had been asked to address the brethren during the evening session, he would reserve his remarks on a particular subject until that time.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by R.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers (10), "That, in view of the continued illness of Mrs. S. Y. Taylor, this Grand Lodge extend their sympathy to Mrs. Taylor and the Grand Secretary and instruct the Grand Registrar to have a suitable gift of flowers sent to Mrs. Taylor from this Grand Lodge."

Carried unanimously.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12.40 o'clock p.m.

First Day

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Afternoon Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2.10 o'clock p.m.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor of presenting the Nineteenth Annual Report as Grand Librarian of this Grand Lodge.

During the past year, in compliance with the wishes of the M.W. the Grand Master, especial emphasis was laid upon the introduction and extension of Masonic libraries in the lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction. At each of the District Meetings held throughout the province we urged upon the brethren of the various lodges the wisdom of establishing, in an organized manner, the nucleus of a lodge library and recommended the purchase of certain standard Masonic works. I am pleased to report that a considerable number of lodges have taken the necessary steps to establish a library during the past year. Of such lodges, we desire to make special mention of the following:

Peace River Lodge, No. 89, Peace River, purchased during the past year sixteen books at a cost of about \$25.00.

Crocus Lodge, No. 115, Chinook, purchased twelve books at a similar cost.

Spirit River Lodge, No. 116, Spirit River, purchased eighteen books at a cost of about \$60.00.

The two lodges of the City of Medicine Hat purchased twenty-four books at a cost of about \$75.00.

A considerable number of our lodges have added several books to their library during the year while others have declared their intention to do so as soon as finances would permit. We hope that at no distant date

every lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction will be able to report that it has a Masonic Library sufficiently extensive to meet the needs of every member of the lodge.

Great care should be exercised in the choice of books for a Masonic library. Masonic literature may be conveniently grouped, from the viewpoint of the general reader, under six principal heads, as follows:

1. Masonic History
2. Encyclopaedias and Other General Works
3. Ritual of Freemasonry
4. Philosophy of Freemasonry
5. Symbolism of Freemasonry
6. Jurisprudence and Law.

It has been truly said that the history of an institution is the source of its sustaining strength, its inspiration, its means of guidance. A knowledge of history supplies balance and stability. It is the key that unlocks the storehouse of past experience, with its mistakes, its failures and its achievements; the ideas that have been worked out and the plans that remain to be completed. For what, then, does the Masonic Fraternity stand? Has it a vital message for mankind? What part should Masonry play in the world's affairs? The answers to these and many such questions are to be found in its history.

Needless to say, every brother should know something of the history of his own lodge and of the Grand Jurisdiction to which he belongs. This suggests the necessity of some skilled brother in each lodge acting as registrar and keeping the historical register up to date.

Ten lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction took advantage of the offer made by Grand Lodge of supplying the lodges with the Annual Proceedings from the date of the formation up to and including the year 1923, gratis, providing the lodges would have the same bound and placed in their library.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence appears in these Proceedings. There you will find recorded the achievements already accomplished and the plans for the future, outlined by the various Grand Lodges in all parts of the world. The study of this correspondence will form an admirable introduction to Masonic history.

The following are some of the outstanding histories of Freemasonry which should be found on the shelves of all our Masonic libraries:

The History of Freemasonry in Canada, by John Ross Robertson, 1900. Hughan, the historian, declares this work to be, from the introduction of Freemasonry in Canada to the date of publication, without equal in originality, literary skill and conspicuous success.

History of Freemasonry by Robert Freke Gould, 1885-7. This is considered the standard English work and is clear, concise and authoritative. It is an indispensable history and should be in every library.

The Builders, by Joseph Fort Newton, 1915. This is a very valuable introduction to Masonic history and literature. In some jurisdictions it is now being placed in the hands of each initiate immediately after he receives his Master Mason degree.

Ancient Freemasonry and the Old Dundee Lodge, No. 18, 1722-1920, by A. Heiron. This is a very interesting story of the life lived by our Masonic ancestors in London in the Eighteenth Century.

Illustrated History of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, No. 256, 1823-1903, by Henry Sadler, 1904. This work throws much light on the development of the English ritual.

Next in importance to the standard histories of Freemasonry, are the encyclopaedias, collections of essays and other general works which touch upon every phase of the complex life of the Craft. These works are chiefly valuable for reference and should find a place in every Masonic library.

The Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry, by Albert G. Mackey and Charles T. McClenachan, 1921, is perhaps the best work of this kind available to Masonic students.

The volumes of the Proceedings of the great English lodge of research, Quator Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London, constitute by far the most valuable collection of Masonic information ever published. Partial sets of these volumes may be obtained by joining the correspondence circle of the lodge and buying such back numbers as are available. Many of the foremost Masonic scholars of the present century have contributed valuable papers to these proceedings, which are not obtainable elsewhere.

The origin and development of our ritual should be an interesting subject for all Masonic students and the lives and teachings of such men as Dr. Anderson, Desaguliers, Dunckerley, Preston, Webb and others, should form an interesting study.

The Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry, by Wm. J. Hughan, 1884, traces the origin of the three degrees of Craft Masonry and discusses fully the rise of the Royal Arch.

Freemasons' Monitor, by Thos. S. Webb, 1797, was the first and most famous Masonic book written in America and the standard monitor for over half a century.

At least these two interesting books on the Ritual of Freemasonry should be found in every library.

The philosophy of Freemasonry embraces certain fundamental truths which are taught in our lodges with a view to the building up of moral character. Of the books published at the present time bearing on this phase of Masonry, the Great Teachings of Masonry, by H. L. Haywood, 1923, is perhaps the most outstanding one and should be read by every newly initiated member of the Order.

The Philosophy of Freemasonry by Roscoe Pound, 1915, will also be found to be exceptionally interesting to our readers.

All Masonic teaching is embodied in its peculiar system of symbolism. Our interpretation of these symbols change as we study the history and philosophy of Freemasonry, but the symbols themselves have descended unchanged from time immemorial. Some one has truthfully said:

"Of the writing of books on Masonic symbolism there is no end. Indeed this province of Masonic literature has been aptly compared to a tropical jungle, whose rank luxuriance is almost impenetrable and in which dangerous morasses, harboring poisonous serpents and breathing unwholesome exhalations, lie concealed. The catalogues of certain publishers present indiscriminately the works of despicable charlatans side by side with noble writings of the most gifted Masonic teachers. The only sure safeguard against becoming lost in the mazes of Occultism, Rosicrucianism, Theosophy and other systems which are not Masonic (al-

though they share with Freemasonry the symbolism derived from immemorial antiquity) is a thorough grounding in Masonic history and the classic literature of the Craft."

The following are some of the writings on Masonic symbolism which are especially recommended:

Symbolical Masonry, an interpretation of the three degrees. H. L. Haywood, 1923.

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The Keystone. J. T. Lawrence, 1913.

The Masonic Fraternity has inherited from time immemorial a particular system of legal principles and administrative practices, the study of which is essential by the officers of our lodges. The foundation of our jurisprudence is found in the early constitutions authorized by the Grand Lodge of England. Perhaps the leading authoritative works on this subject, in addition to the early editions of the constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England, are the following:

Lectures on Masonic Jurisprudence. Roscoe C. Pound, 1916.

A Text Book on Masonic Jurisprudence. Albert G. Mackey, 1859.

Masonic Jurisprudence. Rev. John T. Lawrence, 1912.

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I have mentioned in the foregoing a few of the invaluable authoritative works on the various phases of Freemasonry, as a guide to the officers of our lodges in the purchase of library books. From time to time we are being supplied with reviews of new publications by prominent Masonic leaders and will be pleased to furnish our lodges with this information upon request.

We have pleasure in including herewith a complete catalogue, alphabetically arranged, of all the books in the Grand Lodge Library, for the information of our lodges, and recommend that a list of the additional books purchased each year be printed in our Annual Proceedings, in order that each lodge may have in its possession an up-to-date list of all books in the Grand Lodge Library. A complete record of these books is also kept in our card files, which will be added to from time to time as new books are purchased.

Faternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR,

Grand Librarian.

Resolved on motion of M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), seconded by R.W. Bro. E. G. Ironside (23), "That the report of the Grand Librarian be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Lodge Library."

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Medicine Hat, June 12, 1924.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes desires to report that on Thursday, June 14, 1923, at the City of Calgary, a meeting was held at which the appointment of members of the various sub-committees was made for the ensuing year.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by R. W. Bro. Horace P. Reid (14), "That M.W. Bro. J. Watson Younger,

who now resides in the City of London, Ontario, be requested to represent our Grand Lodge at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in the Province of Ontario) to be held in the City of Toronto on July 19, 1923, and that his expenses be paid."

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. George Murray (2), seconded by R.W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91), "That the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure full dress regalia, exclusive of chain and jewel, and forward the same to M.W. Bro. J. Watson Young before the 19th prox."

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers (10), "That the addresses of M.W. Bro. Dr. Thornton and of M.W. Bro. W. L. Stockwell be printed in pamphlet form and distributed to the various lodges of this jurisdiction, provided the Finance Committee does not consider the expense too great."

The Board again met in the city of Medicine Hat on June 10, 1924, when all matters for consideration were distributed to the proper sub-committees and will appear in the reports presented by them.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), "That this Board, in view of changed conditions in that part of this Grand Jurisdiction affected, recommend that this Grand Lodge respectfully request the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan to release this Grand Lodge from its undertaking given at a special meeting of this Grand Lodge held in the month of April, A.D. 1907, as set forth in the letter of R.W. Bro. John M. Shaw, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, dated April 2, A.D. 1907 and the letter in reply of M.W. Bro. Geo. Macdonald, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, dated April 19, A.D. 1907."

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), seconded by M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), "That this Board express its disapproval of advertising Masonic entertainments of any kind to which the public generally are invited or tickets sold to the public indiscriminately."

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. George Auxier (56), seconded by W. Bro. W. E. Mercer (1), "That this Board recommend that the Grand Lodge express its disapproval of the word "Masonic" as the name of or in connection with any band, orchestra, baseball team, or any similar body."

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), "That we recommend to Grand Lodge the adoption of the following form of Reception of Visitors:

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

Ceremonies to Be Observed When a Grand Officer Visits a Lodge.

When the Worshipful Master is informed that a Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer (elective) of this Grand Lodge, or a Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer (elective) of a Grand Lodge recognized by this Grand Lodge intends to visit the lodge, he shall ascertain from him, informally, whether he desires to be received without form or in form. It is not necessary that any formal announcement of the presence of the Grand Officer be made before he presents himself at the door. The Worshipful Master, being informed as to the pleasure of the visiting officer, will then proceed in the manner following:

RECEPTION IN FORM

In this case, the officers will be directed by the Worshipful Master to attend on the visiting Grand Officer. If it be the Grand Master, or the Deputy Grand Master exercising the powers of Grand Master, he is to be preceded by two Stewards with rods, and is to be supported on either hand by the Deacons with rods. If it be any other elective Grand Officer, he is to be preceded by two Stewards with rods. If any other Grand Officers are present with the chief visiting Grand Officer, they will take their appropriate places in the procession. Visiting brethren, not officers, who may accompany the visiting Grand Officer, will follow the Stewards.

It is proper for the Worshipful Master to appoint a Committee of one or two Past Masters of the lodge to salute the visiting Grand Officer before he enters the lodge, and to present him to the Worshipful Master. The brethren so appointed will take their places immediately behind the Stewards. The Deacons will stand within the door of the lodge and assume their duties as soon as the Grand Officer enters the door.

When the Grand Officer signifies his readiness, the procession will approach the door of the lodge, and the Tyler, without any alarm, will open the door, advance a short space into the lodge and at once, and without awaiting permission to speak, will announce in a loud and distinct voice, as follows:

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, or the Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master, as the case may be. He will then retire and close the door when the visiting officer has entered.

As soon as the announcement is made, the Worshipful Master will call up the lodge.

The Procession will proceed to the West side of the Altar, and will open the ranks so that the visiting officer may stand in front of the Altar.

He will then be introduced and saluted with the *Grand Honors.

The Worshipful Master will then address the visiting Grand Officer with words of welcome, and invite him to the East. The visitors will then take such places as may be indicated by the Worshipful Master. When the visiting Grand Officer approaches the East, the Worshipful Master will vacate his station and deliver the gavel. When a Grand Officer presides in a subordinate lodge, the Worshipful Master of the lodge has the right to a seat at his right hand.

RECEPTION WITHOUT FORM

In this case, a Past Master will be appointed to attend the visiting officer and introduce him. The officer conducts him to the west of the Altar, and says:

*The Grand Honors are as follows:

NINE for the Grand Master and Past Grand Masters.

SEVEN for the Deputy Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, and Past District Deputy Grand Masters.

FIVE for all other elected Grand Officers and elected Past Grand Officers, and

THREE for all other distinguished brethren.

Worshipful Sir, I have the pleasure of introducing to you Most Worshipful Brother or Right Worshipful Brother

The Worshipful Master calls up the lodge, and says:

Most Worshipful Brother or Right Worshipful Brother....., it gives me pleasure to introduce to you the members ofLodge, No., and to welcome you among us. Kindly take a seat in the East.

RECEPTION OF VISITING BRETHREN

When a brother visits a lodge, and has been examined and vouched for, the Worshipful Master will send a Past Master of the Senior Deacon to introduce him. The officer conducts him to the west of the Altar, and says:

Worshipful Sir, I have the pleasure of introducing to you Brother of Lodge, No.

The Worshipful Master calls up the lodge, and says:

Brother it gives me pleasure to introduce to you the members of Lodge, No., and to welcome you to a seat among us. We meet on, and shall be very glad to welcome you to any of our meetings.

If the visitor is a Worshipful Master or a Past Master, he should be invited to a seat in the East.

The Worshipful Master should see that the proper courtesies are extended to visiting brethren, to make them feel that they are welcome.

Note.—Upon the entrance of a Past Master of the lodge, the brethren should be called up out of courtesy and the Worshipful Master shall invite him to a seat in the East.

Fraternally submitted,

HORACE P. REID,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), seconded by W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), "That the report of the Board of General Purposes be received and the resolutions be dealt with seriatum."

The various clauses of the report were agreed to except that of Clause 6.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by R.W. Bro. John Gillespie (1), "That clause 6 of the report be amended by adding the following: 'Unless such organization is controlled by a lodge or lodges in the jurisdiction.'"

The amendment was declared lost.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), seconded by R.W. Bro. E. G. Ironside (23), "That the report of the Board of General Purposes as submitted be adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Medicine Hat, June 11, 1924.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence are pleased to report that no matter requiring our attention has been submitted for consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

F. S. SELWOOD,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by M.W. Bro. Thos. McNabb (4), "That the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted."

COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

We herewith present the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals on the cases presented to us for consideration.

RE LEECH: We recommend, under the circumstances of this case, that Grand Lodge do nothing in regard to the expulsion of the above-named, but that the sentence of indefinite suspension stand.

RE J. E. HORNING, Lethbridge, No. 39: We recommend, after having read the correspondence and finding that there is no formal appeal, that the findings of Lethbridge Lodge, No. 39, be not interfered with and that Grand Lodge expel Bro. J. E. Horning.

RE E. A. KELLY, Lethbridge, No. 39, and Symbol No. 93. We find as follows: E. A. Kelly made an application to Symbol Lodge, No. 93, on August 11th, 1921, was balloted for and accepted on September 22, 1921. He did not come forward to receive his degree within six months as required by Section 201 of the Constitution. On August 10th, 1923, he made application to Lethbridge Lodge, No. 39, stating that he had previously applied to Symbol Lodge; his petition was referred to the usual committee which reported that he had not made any previous application. His petition was reported on favorably but he was rejected by ballot on October 18th, 1923. Kelly was apparently notified and his fee returned.

On March 23, 1924, he wrote to Symbol Lodge, No. 93, asking that the degree might be conferred upon him. A telegram was sent asking him to appear at Drumheller on March 27th, 1924 for his initiation. A new ballot was taken and it proving favorable, he was initiated. On his return to Lethbridge, he approached a brother of Lethbridge Lodge, No. 39, to assist him; this was brought to the attention of the W.M. of this lodge and Symbol Lodge was asked to withhold further degrees until the matter had been settled by Grand Lodge.

We find as follows:

1. That the committee on Lethbridge Lodge, No. 39, under petition of Kelly should have known of his previous application to Symbol Lodge.
2. That Symbol Lodge violated Section 201 of the Constitution which required a new petition after the lapse of six months.
3. That Kelly should have notified Symbol Lodge of his rejection by Lethbridge Lodge, No. 39.

We therefore recommend:

1. That the facts on every petition should be communicated to the investigation committee.
2. That the Constitution should make a definite disposal of petitions that have not been acted upon after the expiration of the six months referred to in Section 201, by declaring such petition null and void or otherwise.
3. We recommend that no further degrees be conferred on Kelly until he has furnished an explanation of his conduct satisfactory to Symbol Lodge, No. 93, and until he has put in a properly made out petition for his degrees, similar to a petition and which shall be acted upon as in the case of a petition for initiation.

We wish to commend Lethbridge Lodge, No. 39, for their action in bringing this matter to the attention of the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. JACKSON, Chairman.
A. J. DAVIS.
W. H. WILLIAMS.
A. W. DICKSON.
W. J. CLEMENTS.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), seconded by M.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (18), "That the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY

Medicine Hat, June 11th, 1924.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Condition of Masonry in the Province have examined the various reports as submitted by the D.D.G.M.'s and beg to report as follows:

From the written reports of the D.D.G.M.'s your committee are pleased to note that Masonry in the Province is making a stable progress and that invariably the lodges are active and with two exceptions holding bright prospects for the future. The total increase in membership for the

year is five hundred and seventy-eight. We regret that we have again to call your attention to the attendance records. This has been commented on in many reports of the past. It is to be regretted that no noticeable improvement is indicated. Your committee are of the opinion that the lodges showing the higher average attendance are the lodges in which good work is reported and in which addresses are given from time to time. It should be considered as part of the duties of the Master and other officers of the lodge to make these meetings sufficiently interesting to the members so that they will consider their lodge meeting an event not to be disregarded. It is very gratifying to note the increasing number of inter-lodge meetings that are held. This is a very desirable and courteous action to promote as it creates that spirit of relation for which so much effort is put forth.

The business of the lodges appears to be well taken care of by the secretaries in office; they are indeed praiseworthy, the annual reports being all in the hands of the D.D.G.M.'s well in advance of this meeting. An item which your committee could not help but notice appearing in nearly all reports, as it does annually, "The Historical Register is not written up to date." We recommend that an extra special effort be made by the incoming D.D.G.M.'s to have this time-worn phrase absent from next year's report.

In checking the reports we regret very much to note that the arrears of dues are steadily climbing, the amount now outstanding being \$34,888.13. The reaction from this condition is bound to have a serious effect on the lodge continuing to allow the amount to increase against members becoming in arrears. Action should be effected while the amount is small, as in nearly all cases where it is large the most drastic measures have to be taken, resulting in suspension, and suspended members are frequently lost to the Craft for all time. Owing to conditions the demands for relief have put a strain on some lodges, and if this good work is to be carried on the dues must be collected.

The lodges throughout the entire jurisdiction are to be warmly congratulated for their generous actions in connection with applications for assistance, no less than \$8,528.48 having been expended by the lodges themselves for this purpose. There is no doubt that the late war and the conditions prevailing since its close have taxed many lodges to the utmost, but the brethren are apparently meeting the issue and are therefor worthy of praise for upholding this tradition of the Craft.

The financial position of the Craft taken as a whole is not such that we need be apprehensive of the future. Considerable gain has been made by most of the older lodges in recent years, indicating that for several years the new lodge has to scrutinize its expenditures carefully. In this connection we find several lodges whose disbursements exceed the amount received in dues. This is not a good condition and should be overcome if possible. The total assets over liabilities as shown amount to \$266,478.75 with insurance covering property \$134,723.00. Twenty-three lodges now own the halls they occupy, and your committee strongly recommend all other lodges to follow this good example by instituting a building fund, which, when sufficiently large, will some day enable them to own a home.

Owing to the excellent work of the D.D.G.M.'s in the fifteen districts of the Province, we wish to particularly record the fact that a great many lodges have started libraries as suggested by the Grand Secretary at the District Meetings. This in the opinion of your committee is the most outstanding event recorded in the several reports.

We have very much pleasure in recommending that the rank of P.D.D.G.M. be conferred on the following R.W. Brethren:

A. J. Davis (23)
F. W. Bell (44)
A. W. Dickson (50)
H. W. Meech (4)
Geo. F. Auxier (56)
W. J. Clements (108)
W. M. Grant (106)
W. H. Williams (2)
S. J. Byers (95)
C. J. Braren (32)
J. J. Gillespie (6)
Jos. Milner (63)
J. D. Mackenzie (68)
Jas. Holden (93)
J. F. Baugh (109)

All of which is fraternally submitted,

H. P. REID,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. Horace P. Reid (14), seconded by R.W. Bro. E. J. Flavin (11), "That the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Medicine Hat, June 11, 1924.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations and Correspondence is pleased to report that the relations heretofore existing between our Sister Grand Jurisdictions and the Grand Lodge of Alberta continue to be of the most friendly and cordial nature.

No communications requiring the consideration of this Grand Lodge have been received by your committee during the past year.

We submit herewith a brief review of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges and request that the same be printed as an appendix to our Proceedings.

The Chairman of the committee desires to acknowledge his warm appreciation of the assistance and co-operation in reviewing the proceedings of other Grand Lodges of the following brethren:

M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor
M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop
M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor
R.W. Bro. C. V. Bennett
R.W. Bro. E. D. Crump
R.W. Bro. Robt. Pearson

Fraternally submitted,

F. S. SELWOOD,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by R.W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14), "That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations and Correspondence be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Audit and Finance beg to report as follows:

The financial reports of the Grand Secretary and of the Auditor for the year ending January 31, 1924, have been printed and distributed amongst the members of Grand Lodge. These reports show that the financial affairs of Grand Lodge are in a very satisfactory condition and that substantial progress has been made during the past year.

All surplus funds of Grand Lodge during the past year have been invested in Dominion and Provincial Government Bonds. The par value of our bonds at the present time is \$83,536.66. The net income from the real estate holdings is yielding an income of approximately four per cent., which is considered a satisfactory showing, having regard to the real estate conditions existing throughout the year.

The statement of ledger balances due Grand Lodge by the various lodges is a very creditable one. On the average these ledger balances amount to about ten per cent.

Tenders were received by your committee for the printing of our Proceedings from several firms. The tender of J. D. McAra, of Calgary, being the lowest, is recommended for acceptance.

We have examined the position concerning the loan made by Grand Lodge some years ago to Mrs. Elizabeth Whitlock, since deceased, and recommend in view of the circumstances of those presently responsible for this loan, that the loan be converted into a grant and the note of Mrs. Whitlock now held by Grand Lodge be cancelled.

We have reviewed the four loans comprising the item of \$883.00 shown as Sundry Loans in the assets set out in the balance sheet in the Auditor's

report and recommend to the Committee on Benevolence the continuance of these loans as assets of the Benevolent Fund, and we approve the action taken by that committee looking towards their realization.

We recommend the payment of the accounts amounting to \$67.50 for rent of the hall for this Communication of Grand Lodge.

The Committee also recommends that W. Bro. William Ireland, C.A., be re-appointed Auditor for the ensuing year, and that he be paid the sum of \$150.00 for his services during the past year.

With reference to the resolution adopted at the last annual meeting of Grand Lodge relating to the equalization of travelling expenses in attending Grand Lodge, we have not yet prepared a scheme of pooling the transportation expenses of members and desire to report progress.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. CONNACHER,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), "That the report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

In presenting my report as chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Benevolence for the past year, I wish first to thank Grand Lodge for selecting me as one of the members of that most important committee. I further wish to thank the members of the committee for the honor they conferred on me by electing me as chairman to serve during the year.

The work of this committee is very interesting and the relations between its members are of the very best. The committee has regular meetings in the office of the Grand Secretary, Elma Block, Calgary, on the last Saturday of each month at 3.00 o'clock p.m., and the members residing in Calgary, on whom the larger proportion of the work naturally falls, are most faithful in their attendance (about 100% perfect).

Another thing which helps much in making the work of the board more efficient is the increased co-operation of the lodges applying for assistance to their members or dependents. They are getting more and more to realize that it is up to the lodge applying for assistance to acquire all possible information re the case before presenting their request to the committee and so save unnecessary delay (and also to see what they can do themselves to render temporary assistance). Each lodge is supposed to elect a member who shall be the representative of the Grand Lodge Benevolent Board and whose business it is to look into needy cases belonging to his lodge which may require assistance and supply the Board with all needed information, and it is also his duty to keep in touch with this case and keep the Grand Secretary posted concerning the same.

To show how the lodges are becoming alive to their responsibilities I would mention some examples. A small lodge in one of our cities had a

member who was sick with an incurable disease. He was of a very independent disposition and it was some time before the brethren knew of the needs of the family. Assistance to the extent of their ability was rendered by the lodge and individual members. An appeal was then made to the Grand Lodge Committee and assistance was granted. The Grand Secretary made some personal calls and found that the brother, before taking sick, had been building a house for himself. He had the front part of it fairly well finished, but owing to his sickness could not complete the structure and it was therefore cold and uncomfortable in the winter. The members of his lodge proposed to the committee that if material was procured some of the brethren would contribute the necessary labor to make the home fit to live in. This was done and the brethren have their reward in knowing that they have helped a worthy and needy family.

A widow with seven children up in the North country, a beneficiary of the fund, wished some cast-off clothing which she could make over for her family. The request was sent to the representative of the Board in Edmonton, and in a few days that widow's heart was made glad by several boxes of clothing, some of which were new.

A small lodge up north did all that was necessary for a sick brother, and after his death helped the widow and small children to the extent of their ability and through their exertions secured a mother's pension for her. On their request Grand Lodge helped this out in the maintenance of the family, but the lodge did all the heavy work.

The widow of another brother, belonging to a small country lodge, was left with a farm but no means of working it herself, her children being small. The brethren put in enough crop to see her through next winter and are keeping a watchful eye on the family. At their request Grand Lodge gave financial assistance.

One of our larger lodges assisted a sick brother until he passed away, and realizing that the widow and family would need assistance, applied to the Board for aid on a fifty-fifty basis. Their request was gladly complied with.

Cases could be multiplied. All the delay that arises in connection with any application is caused by lack of necessary information, which can be best supplied by the lodge making such application. The members of the Board serve willingly and consider each case on its merits.

The committee again desires to express its thanks to the brethren at a distance who rendered valuable assistance to us during the year:

Bro. Lewis E. Frith, Secy. Treasurer Masonic Board of Relief, Vancouver, B.C.

Bro. C. W. Lawrence, Secy. Masonic Relief and Employment Bureau, Seattle, Washington.

Bro. J. Ellender, a member of Bow River Lodge, No. 1, now residing in Kent, England.

Bro. A. M. Forby, Secy. Masonic Board of Relief, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN GILLESPIE,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. J. E. Johnson (134), seconded by R.W. Bro. John Gillespie (1), "That the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted."

BENEFICIARIES OF GRAND LODGE

January 31st, 1923, to February 1st, 1924

1. Mrs. B. Temporary assistance, \$150.00.
2. Mrs. B., widow with one child. Grant of \$20.00 per month.
3. Bro. H.W.B. Ill with diabetes. Paid expenses of special medical treatment, \$212.50.
4. Bro. A.B. Very ill with incurable disease. Now deceased. Grants for supplies and for materials to make home habitable, \$112.35.
5. Mrs. J.B., widow with four young children. Grant, \$60.00.
6. Mrs. S. B., widow of late Bro. B. Grant of \$30.00 per month.
7. Mrs. C. B., widow with six children. Grant, \$100.00.
8. Mrs. H. G. B., widow with four children. Grant of \$17.50 month.
9. Bro. J. C. Unable to work. Grant of \$25.00 per month.
10. Bro. E. E. C. To assist in the paying of expenses of wife's illness. Grant, \$200.00.
11. Bro. D. C. Temporary relief, \$85.00.
12. Bro. W. W. C. Temporary relief, \$65.00.
13. Mrs. K. C., widow with family of five children. Total grant, \$330.30.
14. Bro. J. W. C. Temporary relief, \$65.00.
15. Bro. M. L. C. Temporary relief, \$85.00.
16. Bro. W. A. C. Temporary relief, \$85.00.
17. Bro. R. L. C. Afflicted with tuberculosis. Has a wife and four young children. Grant, \$125.00.
18. Mrs. H. J. C., widow with six children, the eldest being eighteen years of age. Temporary grant of \$50.00.
19. Bro. J. D. Has been ill for some time. Grant to assist in maintaining wife and family, \$64.60.
20. Mrs. G., widow of late Bro. G. Grant of \$100.00.
21. Bro. G. G. Severely burned by gasoline explosion. Grant for medical and nurse attendance, \$330.85.
22. Three orphan children of the late Bro. J. G., killed in action. Grant, \$120.00.
23. Bro. C. M. S. H. Temporary relief, \$85.00.
24. Mrs. J. H., widow with six children. Grant, \$125.00.
25. Bro. S. H. Ill for some time. Paid hospital expenses, etc., amounting to \$125.50.
26. Bro. R. J. Has been ill for several years with necrosis of the bones and has spent all his money in search of medical aid. He has a widowed mother aged seventy-five years depending upon him for support. Grant of \$15.00 per month.
27. Mr. and Mrs. J., an aged couple both over eighty years of age, the husband now deceased. Grant, \$128.25.
28. Mrs. W. J. Husband deserted her some years ago. Grant of \$25.00 per month.
29. Bro. W. W. L. Temporary assistance, \$25.00.
30. Mrs. H. M., daughter of a Mason. Husband deserted her about thirteen years ago. Has a family of three children. Grant of \$20.00 per month.
31. Bro. D. L. M. Grant of \$25.00 per month.
32. Mrs. W. G. McC., widow with two children. Grant, \$225.57.
33. Mrs. L. McC., widow with one child. Grant, \$150.00.
34. Mrs. A. T. McL., widow with four children. Grant, \$150.00.
35. Bro. J. C. P. Allowance for expenses incurred during the illness of the late Bro, \$157.50.
36. Bro. A. H. P., an aged brother without relatives and having no source of income. Grant, \$135.00.

37. Bro. J. R. Seriously ill for some years. Grant of \$12.50 per month.
 38. Mrs. S. Temporary assistance, \$27.50.
 39. Mrs. I. S., aged widow. Grant, \$386.00. Now an inmate of the Sheriff King Home, Calgary.
 40. Mrs. A. R. T., widow with one daughter. Grant, \$150.00. Now able to maintain themselves.
 41. Bro. A. J. W. Ill with incurable disease. Grant of \$35.00 per month.
 42. Three orphan children of the late Bro. J. D. W. Grant of \$25.00 per month.
 43. Bro. J. W. Temporary relief, \$85.00.
 44. Mrs. S. F. W. Continuance of grant of \$20.00 per month.
- Total\$7,669.82

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee, having considered the Grand Master's Address, are glad to find that the Grand Master has been able to record steady progress in all departments of the work of the Fraternity in this jurisdiction during the year just closed. In spite of the reaction from the period of inflation, so noticeable in all activities of life, the general welfare of the Craft in Alberta has not been seriously affected. That the jurisdiction has thus adjusted itself on a sound and healthy basis on which to work proves how firmly the foundations of Freemasonry are set.

The Grand Master during the year has visited every portion of the province. In this extended itinerary he performed a useful and important duty by bringing the brethren into closer touch with each other and with Grand Lodge, its aims and objects. We are very pleased to note the number of Grand Lodge Officers who gave their time so freely to travel with him and assist in the work; thus both Grand Lodge and its constituent lodges mutually benefit by the interchange of views and discussion of problems.

The Grand Master's travels into the Nor'-western portion of the jurisdiction, like those of his predecessors, were full of interest. We would, however, draw the attention of that district to his concluding remark of that portion of his address, that the holding of their Annual District Meeting be at some central point and held at the time set out so that Grand Lodge Officers can arrange their schedules to save time and expense.

The Grand Master's experience with the District Meetings is encouraging. We are glad to know they have been well attended; that the Grand Lodge Officers and the D.D.G.M.'s successfully co-operated with the officers of the lodges to make them interesting, instructive and entertaining gatherings. In this connection the thanks of Grand Lodge are due to the Custodians of the Work, who, between them, attended all the District Meetings but one, and who have been of great assistance to the brethren.

We note the Grand Master's remark that these District Meetings are not only a means of establishing uniformity in work, but they are educating the members "As to what Masonry is, and what it stands for." We

do not doubt that with increase in interest in Masonic literature, aided by the Grand Lodge circulating libraries, it will only be a short time before we will have well instructed members in all the districts, capable of giving interesting papers and lectures on Masonic subjects.

On the benevolent work of Grand Lodge, we note the commendation the Grand Master bestows on our Grand Secretary for his faithful work as secretary of the Benevolence Committee, as it is upon him the work of personal investigation, at the request of the committee, so often falls, and such work demands unfailing patience, tact and careful judgment, sometimes in very difficult circumstances. We note his statement that the demands on the Relief Fund are steadily increasing and we concur in the recommendation that further steps should be taken to augment the Benevolent Fund.

It is pleasant to know that the Grand Master has found no particular demand for rulings and decisions and that only one case arose which necessitated the appointment of a commission, and that peace and harmony ruled within our boundaries.

Having knowledge of the precarious state of our Grand Master's health during the greater part of the year, and realizing he is still far from being well, we feel that the work he accomplished in attending to the duties of his office should receive special appreciation. Long journeys, tiresome and tedious, were undertaken that appointments might be kept and the brethren receive instruction and encouragement in their work. The Grand Master has not considered himself when the call for duty came. Only once, in a casual way, does he refer to the disability under which he labored, and then to account for his unavoidable absence on one occasion. We trust his devotion to duty will not unduly affect his future health. His year of office has been a very serious strain upon him. We are sure that it is the earnest wish of every Mason throughout the jurisdiction that ere long he will be restored to health and strength.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,
Chairman

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), seconded by M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

Medicine Hat, June 11, 1924.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

The completeness and precision of the report of our Grand Secretary is again a matter for congratulation.

The increase in membership, while lower than last year, is considered most satisfactory. Indeed, it must be ever kept in mind that quality of brethren, not numbers of members, is the great aim of our institution.

Your committee would urge the lodges to avail themselves of the bound copies of Grand Lodge Proceedings which must form a valuable record of the transactions and rulings of our Grand Lodge.

We note with pleasure that the Grand Secretary was able to attend fourteen District Meetings held during the year.

Fraternally submitted,

N. E. CARRUTHERS,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers (10), seconded by R.W. Bro. Alex. M. Mitchell (77), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Fraternal Dead present their report as follows:

Over the three doorways of the Cathedral of Milan there are three inscriptions spanning the splendid arches. Over one are the words: "All that pleases is but for a moment"; over the other: "All that troubles is but for a moment"; while over the central arch are the significant words: "That only is important which is eternal."

Here we have no continuing city. We seek one to come. We are dwellers in tents and we know not when or how the moment comes to strike our tents and face the unknown.

From its very beginning Masonry has placed the emphasis on the things that are permanent and abiding. We proclaim with confidence our belief in that Fatherhood of God which is not temporal but eternal, and we persistently assert our faith in the brotherhood of man, which is not a fleeting phantom, but an abiding fact. When, therefore, we keep our departed brethren in remembrance, we cannot fail to be reminded of those spiritual values, without which no worth-while human achievements can be measured.

In this Memorial Service we would stress once more that the important and supremely essential things in life are those which derive their value because of their contribution to the spiritual treasures of the race.

"Even in savage bosoms:

There are longings, yearnings, strivings, for the good they comprehend not,
And the feeble hands and helpless, groping blindly in the darkness,
Touch God's right hand in that darkness, and are lifted up and strengthened."

What this service should impress upon us is that it is not so much the world without that counts, as the world within; the world deeper than our eyes can look into, higher than we can climb; the kingdom of mind

and the silent spaces of the soul; the kingdom that is not outward, but inward, not material, but spiritual; the kingdom of honor and truth and justice and goodwill; the kingdom of brotherhood.

If we look at death from the viewpoint of the word of God, we shall see that death only affects the surface, never affects the soul of things and has nothing to do with our innermost selves. Death has only to do with the mansion and nothing with the man who resides in the mansion. Death has to do with this poor frail tenement of clay, but not with the tenants living therein. Indeed, as Longfellow says:

"There is no death! What seems so is transition;
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life elysian,
Whose portal we call death."

Death, as one has said, is not what it seems. It is not the destruction of the sculptured marble; it is the unveiling of a beautiful statue. It is not the destruction of the temple; it is only the taking away of the scaffolding. It is not the destruction of the musical instrument; it is only the unpacking of the harp for use in the orchestra of eternity.

This is not a time, then, for depression or despondency or morbidity. We need to get away from the pagan idea that death is an awful thing. While we sigh for the "touch of a vanished hand, the sound of a voice that is still," may it not well be, as the poet has said, that our friends gone from us are "closer than breathing, nearer than hands and feet"?

During the past year seventy of our beloved brethren have passed from mortal sight. They have ceased from their labors and their works do follow them. We honor their memory and rejoice in the victory of their faith. Gladly we take up the torch they have thrown down and carry it forward to new triumphs in the work of our great Fraternity.

At this time, also, we remember the honored dead of sister jurisdictions. They have suffered the loss of seventeen Past Grand Masters during the year.

"So when a great man dies,
For years beyond our ken,
The light he leaves behind him lies
Upon the paths of men."

Whether, then, death comes to the "soldier at the front," to the "sailor on the sea," to the "patriot kissing the block," to the "Indian Chief chanting the death song," or to the "dying saint surrounded by the glory of God," I want to repeat that death has no power whatever. The candle of the soul can never be destroyed by the breath of death. The body is one thing, and the soul is another. Death is not extinction; it is emancipation. Death is not a reality; it is only an apparition. Death is not a substance; it is only a shadow. Death is not an interruption; it is only an incident in the evolution of the human soul.

Brethren, let us not miss the meaning of this memorial service. There are only two laws under which you and I may live. One is the law of self and the other is the law of service and sacrifice. No man is fit to live who is not fit to live for others. No man is ready to die who is not ready to die for another

"But whether on the scaffold high
Or in the battle's van,
The fittest place that man can die
Is where he dies for man."

Let us:

"So live that when the summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan which moves
To that mysterious realm where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not, like the quarry-slaves at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave,
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. W. KERBY,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. D. K. Allan (30), seconded by V.W. Bro. R. S. Hodge (70), "That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and the sympathy of Grand Lodge assured to all affected Lodges and Grand Lodges."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members .
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Report of the Grand Librarian notes with pleasure that several lodges in this jurisdiction have taken steps to acquire the nucleus of a lodge library and are entering up this work in the spirit suggested by the Grand Librarian in his addresses at the various District Meetings held during the past year. We trust that this movement will be continued and that each lodge in the jurisdiction, as opportunity and circumstances permit, will not only recognize the value of a lodge library, but also take effective steps toward making a satisfactory library an accomplished fact for the lodge.

We are pleased to note the constant use of our Circulating Travelling Library and hope that progress and development in the use of the Circulating Library will be made, side by side with the establishment of local libraries in the various lodges.

We wish to direct the attention of each and every lodge to those portions of the report of the Grand Librarian outlining the consideration which should be borne in mind in collecting a lodge library, and would earnestly suggest that this report be seriously studied, not only by those lodges who are contemplating adopting the policy of establishing a lodge library, but also by those who have already made a beginning, or even considerable progress in this work.

We would call the attention of the brethren to the excellent catalogue of Grand Lodge Library which is appended to the Grand Librarian's Report. It serves not only as a source of information as to the books available to the Craft, in the library of Grand Lodge, but also as an index of Masonic literature which may be considered as generally available to all students of Masonry in any of its branches.

We most heartily concur in the policy of education of our brethren in this jurisdiction through the medium of Masonic literature and Masonic libraries. We believe that a forward policy in this work is perhaps the most urgent need prevalent in Masonry today. New ideas and new theories, not only as to the internal policies and tendencies of modern Masonry, but new conceptions as to the relationship between Masonry and the outside world, are being advanced and in some instances more or less brought into practice. The only means of arriving at lasting, beneficial and Masonically true decisions on these points is by the steady progress of educational endeavors among the Craft. We believe the policy of the Grand Librarian will be most conducive to bringing about satisfactory conclusions on the varied proposals put forward from time to time in the best spirit for the welfare of Masonry.

We would renew the suggestion contained in the report of the Grand Lodge Librarian of a year ago, that our brethren be encouraged to contribute to our Grand Lodge Library works on Freemasonry.

Your committee recommends that the usual grant of \$100.00 be made by Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge Librarian for the continuance of this work.

Fraternally submitted,

F. S. SELWOOD,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Lodge Library be received and adopted."

NOTICES OF MOTION

M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), on behalf of the Committee of Past Grand Masters, appointed by the Grand Master, moved the following amendments to the Constitution, of which due notice had been given:

1. That Section 7 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words "or any other" in line two of said section.

2. That a new section be inserted immediately after Section 8 of the Constitution, to read as follows:

Grand Lodge may, on motion, constitute any Brother of eminence and ability, who has rendered services to the Craft and who hails from a foreign jurisdiction, an Honorary Member thereof, with such rank and distinction as it may deem proper.

3. That the word "Benevolence" in Section 112 of the Constitution be omitted and that the words "Masonic Research and Education" be substituted in lieu thereof.

4. That Section 115 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

The following Special Committees shall be appointed by the Grand Master at least one month previous to each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge:

1. On the Grand Master's Address.
2. On the Grand Secretary's Report.
3. On the Fraternal Dead.

5. That the last two lines of Section 131 of the Constitution be amended to read thus:

For every person initiated in a lodge, Ten Dollars, Eight Dollars of which shall be deposited to the credit of the Capital Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge.

For every Brother affiliating from an outside jurisdiction, Eight Dollars, which shall be deposited to the credit of the Capital Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge.

6. That Section 132 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Each Lodge shall pay for every member thereof, towards the fund for Grand Lodge purposes and undertakings, the sum of \$1.50 per annum, one-third of which shall be set aside for relief purposes and one-third for the purpose of increasing the Capital Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge.

7. That Section 167 of the Constitution be amended to read thus:

If the Master of a Lodge be not present, the Senior Warden or, in his absence, the Junior Warden, may rule the Lodge, but he shall not perform any part of the Master's work in the conferring of degrees.

8. That Section 196 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words "two months later" in line 6 and substituting the words "after the lapse of not less than eight weeks" and by adding to said section the words:

No petition may be withdrawn after it has been referred to a committee on investigation of character.

9. That a new section be inserted immediately after Section 199 of the Constitution, to read as follows:

The Senior Deacon shall prepare the ballot box and present the same, first to the Junior Warden, then to the Senior Warden and then to the Master, for inspection. He shall again present the ballot box to these three officers in the same order as before, for the purpose of balloting and then place the ballot box upon the altar. Beginning with the Brother seated to the immediate left of the Master, each Brother in turn shall approach the altar and after saluting deposit his ballot and retire, after which the Tyler is admitted for the purpose of balloting. When all the members of the Lodge have balloted, the ballot shall be declared closed and presented, first to the Junior Warden, then to the Senior Warden, and then to the Master, for inspection. If the ballot shall be unfavorable, the Master shall make no inquiry of the Wardens, but shall destroy it and order a new ballot. If again unfavorable, the usual inquiry shall be made of the Wardens and then the Master shall announce the ballot unfavorable and declare the applicant rejected.

10. That Section 200 of the Constitution be erased.

11. That Section 223 of the Constitution be amended by adding: "provided that if objection be made by a member in good standing, the visitor shall not be admitted."

12. That the first three lines of Section 228 of the Constitution be amended to read thus:

Lodges may by By-law admit their members, other than Honorary Members, to Life Membership, on such terms as they may determine.

13. That Section 231 of the Constitution be amended by adding the following:

A Lodge under dispensation cannot make Honorary Members.

14. That a new section be inserted immediately after Section 233 of the Constitution to read as follows:

If such payment be not made within one year from the date of suspension, he can only be reinstated by a majority vote taken by means of written ballots. The petition must be presented at a regular meeting of the Lodge and cannot be acted upon before the next regular meeting nor until notice of such petition has been inserted in the notice calling the meeting. On a petition for reinstatement the Master may appoint a Committee to inquire into the character of the applicant and any other matters relevant to the petition and report thereon to the Lodge at the next regular meeting.

15. That Section 234 of the Constitution be amended to read thus:

Notice of all rejections, suspensions and restorations shall be given to the Grand Secretary, to the Lodges in the same Masonic district and to all other Lodges having concurrent jurisdiction.

16. That Sections 250 and 263 of the Constitution be erased and the following substituted therefor:

No brother shall be a member of more than one Lodge in this jurisdiction at the same time, except as an Honorary or Life Member. This ruling shall not apply to members of a Lodge under dispensation. Should a charter, however, be granted to such Lodge under dispensation, membership in the senior Lodge shall terminate ipso facto, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary, as soon as the Lodge receives its charter, to notify the Secretary of the senior Lodge that the Brother's membership in such has terminated according to the terms of this section and of the Secretary of the senior Lodge to issue a dimit and make record accordingly in the books of his Lodge. Unless his dues are paid in full to the senior Lodge, to the date of the termination of his membership, the newly chartered Lodge shall be responsible therefor and the brother be liable for suspension therein as if dues were owing such Lodge.

17. That a new section be inserted immediately before Section 251 of the Constitution, to read as follows:

A Lodge may by resolution ask permission to surrender its charter or dispensation. Notice of this resolution must have been given at a regular meeting and must appear in the summons for the meeting at which it is proposed to take action. The resolution must be supported by at least three-fourths of the members present when the vote is taken before the Master can declare its adoption. The assent of Grand Lodge shall be required before the surrender of a charter shall be considered final. The assent of the Grand Master shall be sufficient in the case of a dispensation.

The following amendments as presented were declared "carried" by Grand Lodge:

- Amendments numbered 1—4, inclusive
- Amendments numbered 6—8, inclusive.
- Amendments numbered 10—13, inclusive.
- Amendment numbered 15
- Amendment numbered 17.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. E. G. Ironside (23), seconded by R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (35), "That the word 'may' in line 6 of

amendment numbered 14 be changed to the word 'shall,' so that the sentence shall read: 'On a petition for reinstatement, the Master shall appoint a committee—etc.'"

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (18), seconded by M.W. Bro. Thos. McNabb (4), "That amendment to the Constitution numbered 16 be amended by adding after the word 'lodge' in line 10, the following: 'such dimit to be forwarded to the secretary of the junior lodge.'"

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 6.00 o'clock p.m.

The members of Grand Lodge were tendered an excellent banquet by the brethren of the City of Medicine Hat, which was served in the basement of the St. Barnabas Church, and afterwards entertained with an interesting program of music and a very instructive address by M.W. Bro. J. W. MacNeill, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

ADDRESS

BY

M.W. BRO. DR. J. W. MACNEILL,

GRAND MASTER

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF SASKATCHEWAN A.F. & A.M.

It is said of Mohammed that for thirteen years he attempted to convert his people to his religious belief by an appeal to reason, and that it was not until he drew the sword of Islam, or, in other words, appealed to the baser instincts of the Mohammedan people, that success came his way.

However, that would not apply to the Masonic Fraternity, who have been, and are still appealed to from a high plane of morality, and who are enjoined always to make the liberal arts and sciences their constant study.

To such a body, imbued with a spirit of truth, and a search after truth, am I emboldened to discuss the subject of "A Correct Habit of Thought"—its relationship to Masonry and citizenship, and to endeavor to point out that correct thinking is an essential of Freemasonry and good citizenship.

Now, I do not propose to give you an address on psychology or on the functions of the mind, but I do wish to point out the importance of training the mind and thinking of the individual, by correct habits, into the proper channels, if we as individuals and as Masons, are to attain to the highest ideals set out by the Craft, and to that place in the community of greatest usefulness.

It was not without knowledge of psychology that Milton, in his immortal poem, said:

"The mind is its own place, and in itself
Can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven."

or that Shakespeare, that most wonderful of all students of human nature, put into the mouth of Hamlet:

"There is nothing good or bad,
But thinking makes it so."

The special characteristic of the human mind is its power of constructing complex ideas, and of following trains of thought. These trains of thought become a habit, and the habit of thinking of the individual has largely to do with his character formation. In studying the failures of individuals whose mentalities have been shipwrecked on the sea of life, one very important fact is brought home to those of us who have to examine those patients, that is, their inability to think correctly, and it is worth while noting what a correct habit of thought means, and how it influences our lives and the lives of others. Their thinking is a backing and filling and a constant process of hesitation. Shakespeare expresses it very aptly:

"Letting I dare not wait upon I would,
Like the poor cat in the adage."

The brain is composed of a brain substance. In that brain substance are nerve cells. All the organs of our body are composed of cells of one kind or another. The brain cells I am now referring to are those which convey the messages to the different centres and produce what we call consciousness. This consciousness is produced by stimuli, or nerve waves, or currents, and might be likened to the electric currents which pass over electric wires. The nerve cells branch, and might be likened to a tree, and is called by neurologists and psychologists the nervous pattern. The oftener a nerve wave passes over the nervous pattern, the oftener a nerve cell is stimulated, and the easier it is for the nerve wave to pass over it, and the easier it becomes to impress the centre of the brain affected, until, in the words of Oliver Wendell Holmes, they become "scarred and seamed with infinitesimal hieroglyphics."

Thinking is nothing more or less than sending messages over those wires. Sometimes the thinking is done correctly and sometimes incorrectly, but whether correctly or incorrectly, these messages become habitual—our thinking becomes a habit—and what we have stored up is the end product, the result of that habit.

Schopenhauer says: "A library may be very large, but if it is in disorder, it is not so useful as one that is small, but well arranged. In the same way, a man may have a great mass of knowledge, but if he has not worked it up by thinking it over for himself, it has much less value than a far smaller amount which has been thoroughly pondered."

This not only applies to the quantity of his thinking, it also applies to the quality of his thinking, for after he has turned over his thoughts long enough and often enough, they become part of himself, and are, in very fact, woven into the warp and woof of his mental make-up, and is given expression in his acts of life and daily performances.

"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Not when, or what, or where he thinks, but along what channels. If he thinks in terms of avarice, evil, selfishness, etc., he shows it in his personality. If he thinks in terms of charity, service, brotherly love, fellowship, as a Mason, it will likewise show in his personality, his character, and in fact in his physiognomy. There is much more to Masonry than simply knowing the Constitution or being able to put on degrees, commendable though that may be.

Now the incorrect habit of thought may start very early in life. The boy at school, by an incorrect habit of thought, is paying attention to his lessons when he is playing ball, and is paying attention to ball when he should be at his lessons.

Sir William Osler filled chairs in four universities: McGill, Ann Arbor, John Hopkins and Regius. As Professor of Oxford and author

of the best known book on medicine, probably, in the world, he said in an address to the Yale University students, of his intellectual abilities: "Mine, in good faith I say it, are of the most mediocre character."

"But what about those professorships?" he was asked.

"Just habit, a way of life, an outcome of the day's work, the vital importance of which I wish to impress upon you with all the force at my command. When I was attending the Montreal General Hospital, much worried as to the future, partly about the final examinations, partly as to what I should do afterwards, I picked up a volume of Carlyle, and on the page I opened there was the familiar sentence: "Our main business is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand." A commonplace sentiment enough, but it hit and stuck, and helped, and was the starting point of a habit that has enabled me to utilize to the full the single talent entrusted to me. Many a man is handicapped in his course by a cursed combination of retro and introspection: the mistakes of yesterday paralyzing the efforts of to-day, the worries of the past hugged to his destruction, and the work—regret—allowed to canker the very heart of his life. To die daily, after the manner of St. Paul, ensures the resurrection of a new man, who makes each day the epitome of a life."

This very thing was a curse in the case of Burns, brought out in his address to a mouse:

"Still thou art blest, compar'd wi' me;
The present only toucheth thee:
But, Och: I backward cast my e'e
On prospects drear;
An' forward, tho' I canna see,
I guess an' fear."

Waste of energy, mental distress, nervous worries, dog the steps of a man who is anxious about the future duties, to the detriment of the present problems.

It is important that we should learn to have "one think at a time;" that we should not develop a distractability of attention, and be saved from that intellectual ataxia so manifest in the mental wreckage of the world; that we as a body, will develop a habit of thought that will be "a lamp to our feet and a light to our path." It was Josh Billings who advised: "Consider the postage stamp, my friends; its usefulness consists in being able to stick to one thing till it gets there."

By repeated stimuli to the nerve centres, Germany persuaded herself that it was her mission to conquer the world, and by an incorrect habit of thought men are, to day, trying to overturn our whole social system and believe that the world is going to be regenerated by this "ism" or by some freak political economy, which is not new, but which is as old as the states of ancient Greece and Rome.

That great sage, Dr. Samuel Johnson, says: "All power of fancy over reason is a degree of insanity." The law courts would not accept the definition, but if our conduct of life is based on fancy rather than reason, that is insanity. The sane man faces, squarely, the plain facts connected with living, and does so under all ordinary circumstances without developing a feeling of insecurity or inadequacy. He reviews calmly that life is a struggle for existence, and that the progress of civilization is necessarily slow. The person of unstable, nervous system, the psycho-neurotic, the person of incorrect habits of thought, dodges the main issues. "He looks upon concrete and well-defined situations, and situations requiring steady thinking, as harassing and unwelcome, and satisfies himself

with propounding in impractical theories, vague generalities, and endeavours to camouflage the bitterness of personal defeat and disappointment by indulging in fanatical enthusiasms on general social questions." He wants a tanalac or a peruna that he can advertise, to cure all the social ills that flesh is heir to. "He forgets that every good thing worth possessing must be paid for in strokes of daily effort."

By a correct habit of thought, this ancient and honorable institution has been an antidote for ultraconservatism or the reactionary or, on the other hand, against that ultra-radicalism—that conception of the body politic—which tendeth to destruction. By a correct habit of thought, by sane thinking and sensible performance, you will be the leaven in this democracy which will stabilize it; which will solidify it and strengthen the rule of the people. You will have learned the principles of true democracy as taught in Freemasonry: the democracy which teaches service as its ideal; which teaches, as Ruskin said what true democracy is, "the strength to govern and the grace to obey." You will have been taught by this honorable organization the correct habit of thought both to yourselves and your fellowmen. You will be able to exemplify that the goal of Masons, their objective effort, is to add something to the already virtues of the state, and that this can only be done by construction and not by destruction.

With a correct habit of thought, we will realize that, as Masons and citizens, we owe a duty to the state; that our duty does not end with our profession or calling; that as Masons, we are such, not from a sense of what we can obtain, but from what we can perform; that to be a good citizen or a good Mason consists in what we can perform; that it is incumbent upon us to give some service and some sacrifice. The good citizen must perform some real self-sacrificing duty.

In the late war every good citizen was proud of the Canadian soldier. He showed that men could die for their country and for a principle. It is not only necessary for the citizen to be prepared to die for his country—he must live for his country. This country of ours is calling with an earnestness, and with a seriousness not to be overlooked, for such men.

In the scramble for a start in life (for everybody in this Western country was making that start) little was thought of sacrifice for fellowman or for state, and a spirit of sarcasm, of distrust, of lack of faith, was engendered in our people towards the efforts of our public men in federal, provincial and municipal fields. This is not in the best interests of the individual, especially the youth of this country, whose character and habits of thought are in the making. Too much of this idea has been fostered in the homes, in the schools and in the churches.

Let the youth of this country be trained up to serve, or at least respect the state and the offices of the state as a trust; to look upon the service as an honor which he must not tarnish; to look upon himself as a trustee and a guardian of the present and future. Inject and instil this habit of thought into the youth of this country for even a quarter of a century, and you will have a population in charge of affairs that will discharge their duty with the same vigor, with the same desire for the approbation of their fellow citizens, as did the soldiers who fought and bled and died and reflected glory on Canada on the fields of France and Flanders.

A correct habit of thought, a proper viewpoint as to citizenship, a just appreciation of duty; passed over these paths to the nervous centres will

produce the Freemasonry in the body politic to offset those doctrines which produce unrest, distrust of democracy, and which tend to anarchy.

"Whatsoever things are true (of your public men),
 Whatsoever things are honest,
 Whatsoever things are just,
 Whatsoever things are pure,
 Whatsoever things are lovely,
 Whatsoever things are of good report,
 If there be any virtue, and if there be any
 praise, think on these things."

"It matters not how straight the gate,
 How charged with punishment the scroll,
 I am the Master of my fate;
 I am the Captain of my soul."

Second Day

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Morning Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9.00 o'clock a.m.

MOTIONS

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by W. Bro. Geo. French (28), "That the matter referred to in amendment numbered 5 be laid on the table until the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge."

It was moved by W. Bro. G. W. Skene (9), seconded by W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), "That the word 'same' in the third line of amendment numbered 9 be changed to the word 'reverse,' so that the sentence will then read 'he shall again present the ballot box to these three officers in the reverse order—etc.'"

• It was moved in amendment to the amendment, by V.W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28), seconded by W. Bro. J. V. Follett (28), "That the sentence making the second ballot obligatory be eliminated at the discretion of the Master."

The amendment to the amendment was declared "lost"

The amendment was declared "carried."

The motion as amended was declared "carried."

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by R.W. Bro. A. W. Dickson (50):

1. That a new section be inserted immediately after Section 119 of the Constitution, to read as follows:

"The Custodian of the Work shall attend every Annual District Meeting; but in the event of inability to attend, he shall appoint a Deputy who,

for the time of his appointment, shall be vested with the powers and authority of the Custodian of the Work."

2. That Section 120 of the Constitution be amended by inserting the words "or their deputies" immediately after the word "Work" in line 2 of said section.

It was moved, in amendment, by R.W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14), seconded by W. Bro. W. Whelpley (68), "That the first clause of the resolution be amended by adding the words 'provided that the decisions and rulings of either deputy custodian, before being deemed final shall be confirmed by his principal custodian.'"

The amendment was declared "carried."

The motion as amended was also declared "carried."

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by R.W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), seconded by R.W. Bro. T. F. English (23):

"That the Constitution be amended by inserting the following:

"If a brother objects to the admission into Masonry of an applicant whose petition is before a lodge other than that to which the objector belongs, he may bring the matter to the notice of his own lodge, which shall, if it think fit, communicate the fact only of an objection having been raised to the lodge receiving the application, but shall not state the name of the objector; or he may request an interview with the Master of the lodge receiving the application, at which, and only in presence of one of the principal officers of his own lodge, he shall state his objection and give his reasons, under a pledge of confidence. An objection offered in any other manner than as herein described shall constitute an offence."

It was moved in amendment by M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), "That the last sentence of the motion be struck out."

The amendment was declared "carried."

The motion as amended was declared "lost."

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), seconded by R.W. Bro. H. P. Reid (14), "That the address of M.W. Bro. J. W. MacNeill, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, be printed in our Annual Proceedings."

Resolved, on motion of W. Bro. W. C. Black (59), seconded by W. Bro. A. Casey (23), "That when notices of motion are to come before Grand Lodge, circulars be sent to each lodge for every member of that lodge who has a voice in Grand Lodge."

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. John Gillespie (1), seconded by M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), "That the Committee on Benevolence be authorized to make a loan of \$400.00 to St. Mark's Lodge No. 118, Calgary."

Resolved, on motion of W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), seconded by R.W. Bro. V. A. Bowes (83), "That this Grand Lodge do purchase for the ceremonies of institution, dedication and constitution, suitable vessels and paraphernalia complying with the Constitution and of a quality in keeping with the dignity and size of this Grand Lodge."

It was moved by W. Bro. George French (28), seconded by Bro. H. E. Howard (28), "That this Grand Lodge do hereby instruct the Grand Secretary to prepare all Grand Lodge certificates, issuable from this date, on material equal to that issued in pre-war times."

The motion was declared "lost."

It was moved by R.W. Bro. V. A. Bowes (83), seconded by R.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers (10), "That the term 'honorary membership' referred to in Section 231 of the Constitution, shall be interpreted to mean membership conferred upon a brother, either by his own lodge or by some other lodge, without expense to the brother, and further, that honorary membership shall be construed to mean for the life of the brother, unless expressly limited by the lodge, either at the time the honor is conferred, or at a later date."

The motion was declared "lost."

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), seconded by R.W. Bro. V. A. Bowes (83), "That the Grand Secretary be instructed not to apply to railways for convention rates until the minimum number is reduced."

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by R.W. Bro. E. G. Ironside (23):

1. "That the tender of J. D. McCara for the printing of 10,000 copies of the Constitution, at twenty-five cents per book, be accepted."

2. "That this Grand Lodge place an order with the Reid Press Limited, Hamilton, Ontario, for printing as per their letter of April 28th, 1924."

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14), seconded by W. Bro. J. V. Follett (28), "That the Grand Tyler be paid the sum of Fifteen Dollars and his expenses, for his services at this Communication of Grand Lodge."

Resolved, on motion of V.W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28), seconded by W. Bro. W. C. Marsh (32), "That the thanks of the visiting brethren be extended to the brethren of the City of Medicine Hat for the splendid entertainment and generous hospitality during our stay in their city."

PLACE OF MEETING

The City of Edmonton was unanimously chosen as the place of meeting for our next Annual Communication.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The time having arrived for the election of officers, the M.W. the Grand Master appointed R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, R.W. Bro. H. Sandilands, V.W. Bro. A. M. Dalglish, W. Bro. G. W. Skene, V.W. Bro. P. W. L. J. Forster, and W. Bro. S. R. Laycock a Board of Scrutineers.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials and Reception beg to report that the various lodges named in the attached schedules are entitled to the repre-

sensation in Grand Lodge therein enumerated opposite their respective numbers and names.

We find: Total number registered, 223.

1. That there are 17 lodges represented by proxy and not represented.

2. That the number of regular votes is 386.

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Pr'xy	Total V'tes
1.	Bow River	..	..	..	2	3	5
2.	Medicine Hat	2	1	..	11	..	14
3.	Alberta	3	..	..	1	..	4
4.	North Star	3	..	..	1	..	4
5.	Cascade	..	..	..	..	..	..
6.	Spitzie	..	3	..	3	..	6
7.	Edmonton	3	..	..	..	..	3
8.	Innisfail	3	..	..	..	..	3
9.	Perfection	3	..	..	3	..	6
10.	Eureka	..	..	..	1	3	4
11.	Acacia	..	..	..	2	3	5
12.	Red Deer	3	..	..	1	..	4
13.	Victoria	..	..	..	..	..	..
14.	Jasper	3	..	..	3	..	6
15.	Wetaskiwin	3	..	..	..	..	3
16.	Mountain View	..	..	..	..	..	..
17.	Nanton	..	..	..	..	..	..
18.	Britannia	3	..	..	1	..	4
19.	Cornerstone	3	..	..	1	..	4
20.	Carstairs	3	..	..	..	..	3
21.	King Hiram	..	..	3	..	..	3
22.	Corinthian	..	..	..	1	..	1
23.	Calgary	..	..	..	4	3	7
24.	Vermilion	..	..	..	1	3	4
25.	St. John's	..	..	..	..	..	..
26.	Sentinel	3	..	..	2	..	5
27.	Apollo	3	..	..	..	..	3
28.	Ashlar	1	..	2	4	..	7
29.	Kenilworth	..	..	..	..	3	3
30.	Summit	3	..	..	5	..	8
31.	Doric	..	..	..	2	3	5
32.	Cairo	3	..	..	1	..	4
33.	Stavely	..	3	..	..	..	3
34.	Star of the West	..	..	..	1	3	4
35.	Mizpah	2	1	..	12	..	15
36.	Gleichen	..	..	..	..	..	..
37.	Camrose	3	..	..	..	..	3
38.	Hope	..	..	..	1	3	4
39.	Lethbridge	..	3	..	2	..	5
40.	Joppa	..	..	3	1	..	4
41.	King Solomon	..	..	..	..	..	..
42.	Bowden	..	..	..	..	..	..
43.	Tuscan	..	..	..	..	..	..
44.	Buffalo Park	..	..	..	..	..	..
45.	Ionic	..	..	..	..	..	..
46.	Palestine	..	..	..	..	..	..
47.	Chinook	..	..	..	1	3	4

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Pr'xy	Total V'tes
48.	Crossfield	..	..	..	..	..	..
49.	Robert Burns	2	1	..	..	..	3
50.	Comet	..	..	..	1	..	1
51.	Unity	3	..	..	..	..	3
53.	Strathmore	3	..	..	1	..	4
54.	Mount Lebanon	2	1	..	..	..	3
55.	Bassano	3	..	..	1	..	4
56.	Beaver	..	..	..	1	3	4
57.	Grassy Lake	3	..	..	2	..	5
58.	Chief Mountain	..	..	..	..	..	..
59.	King George	3	..	..	2	..	5
60.	Acme	..	..	..	..	..	..
61.	Provost	3	..	..	..	..	3
62.	Coal	..	..	..	..	3	3
63.	Empire	..	..	..	1	3	4
64.	Bow Island	..	2	1	2	..	5
65.	Diamond City	3	..	..	1	..	4
66.	St. Andrew's	..	3	..	1	..	4
67.	Charity	3	..	..	..	..	3
68.	Edson	3	..	..	..	..	3
69.	Connaught	..	..	..	..	..	..
70.	Quarry	3	..	..	5	..	8
71.	Tewatinaw	..	..	..	..	..	..
72.	Coronation	..	..	..	..	..	..
73.	Brooks	2	1	..	3	..	6
74.	Vulcan	3	..	..	1	..	4
75.	Harmony	3	..	..	..	..	3
76.	Fidelity	..	..	..	..	..	..
77.	Strathcona	3	..	..	2	..	..
78.	Hanna	..	..	..	..	..	..
79.	Morning Star	3	..	..	..	..	3
80.	Excelsior	3	..	..	..	..	3
81.	Commercial	3	..	..	..	..	3
82.	Acadia	..	..	..	..	..	..
83.	Zetland	2	..	1	1	..	4
84.	Champion	3	..	..	..	..	3
85.	Suffield	1	1	1	3	..	6
86.	Rocky Mountain	..	..	..	2	3	5
87.	Crescent	3	..	..	..	..	3
88.	Wahpun	..	..	..	1	3	4
89.	Peace River	3	..	..	..	..	3
90.	Norwood	..	..	..	..	..	..
91.	Patricia	3	..	..	..	..	3
92.	Saskatchewan	..	..	..	..	..	..
93.	Symbol	..	..	..	..	..	..
94.	Lamont	..	..	..	..	..	..
95.	Kitchener	..	..	..	1	3	4
96.	Dynamic	3	..	..	..	..	3
97.	Albion	..	..	..	..	..	..
98.	Hand Hill	..	..	..	..	..	..
99.	Mount Moriah	..	..	..	..	..	..
100.	Warner	3	..	..	..	..	3
101.	West Edmonton	3	..	..	..	..	3
102.	Edgerton	..	..	..	1	3	4

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Pr'xy	Total V'tes
103.	Foremost	3	..	..	2	..	5
104.	Oyen	..	..	..	..	..	..
105.	Grande Prairie	..	..	..	..	..	..
106.	Lake Saskatoon	..	..	..	..	..	..
107.	Carbon	..	..	..	2	3	5
108.	Pyramid	2	..	1	2	..	5
109.	Ancient Landmark	..	..	3	..	..	3
110.	Kilwinning	..	..	..	1	3	4
111.	Nobleford	3	..	..	..	..	3
112.	Victory	..	..	..	..	..	..
113.	Cyprus	..	..	3	..	..	3
114.	Westlock	..	..	..	..	3	3
115.	Crocus	..	3	..	..	..	3
116.	Spirit River	..	..	..	..	..	..
117.	Dominion	3	..	..	..	..	3
118.	St. Mark's	3	..	..	..	..	3
119.	York	..	..	..	2	3	5
120.	Monitor	..	..	..	..	..	..
121.	Clive	3	..	..	..	..	3
122.	Rising Sun	3	..	..	1	..	4
123.	Rockyford	3	..	..	..	..	3
124.	Concord	..	3	..	..	..	3
125.	Cavell	..	..	..	..	..	..
126.	Pembina	..	..	..	..	..	..
127.	Granite	..	..	3	..	..	3
128.	Forestburg	..	..	..	1	3	4
129.	Meridian	..	..	..	..	..	..
130.	Hussar	..	..	..	..	..	..
131.	Kitscoty	..	..	..	..	..	..
U.D.	Craigmyle	..	..	..	..	..	..
U.D.	Manyberries	2	1	..	1	..	4
U.D.	Renfrew	3	..	..	..	..	3

SAM J. BLAIR,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. Samuel Harris (88), seconded by W. Bro. W. E. Mercer (1), "That the report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception be received and adopted."

The election of Grand Lodge Officers was then proceeded with, and the results, including the various District Deputy Grand Masters who had been elected at their District Meetings and whose election was confirmed by the M.W. the Grand Master, were as follows:

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1924

M. W. Bro. Horace P. Reid (14)	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Norman E. Carruthers (10)	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. T. Fred English (23)	Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. Wm. L. Ouimette (30)	Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23)	Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28)	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (118)	Grand Registrar
R.W. Bro. Wilfred C. Marsh (32)	Grand Chaplain
R.W. Bro. P. Fielding (38)	Grand Tyler

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

R.W. Bro. Victor H. Macaulay (59), Calgary	D.D.G.M. No. 1	Dist.
R.W. Bro. Richard S. Hodge (70), Redcliff	D.D.G.M. No. 2	Dist.
R.W. Bro. Walter D. Murdoch (102), Edgerton	D.D.G.M. No. 3	Dist.
R.W. Bro. Wm. J. Stephenson (12), Red Deer	D.D.G.M. No. 4	Dist.
R.W. Bro. Robt. W. Manley (15), Wetaskiwin	D.D.G.M. No. 5	Dist.
R.W. Bro. Neil Nicholson (40), Granum	D.D.G.M. No. 6	Dist.
R.W. Bro. Frederick E. Reagh (119), Lethbridge	D.D.G.M. No. 7	Dist.
R.W. Bro. Glen A. Passmore (86), Blairmore	D.D.G.M. No. 8	Dist.
R.W. Bro. Roy W. Stowell (122), Gadsby	D.D.G.M. No. 9	Dist.
R.W. Bro. Geo. T. McGregor (110), Minburn	D.D.G.M. No. 10	Dist.
R.W. Bro. Geo. N. Carson (74), Vulcan	D.D.G.M. No. 11	Dist.
R.W. Bro. Wm. Rea (14), Edmonton	D.D.G.M. No. 12	Dist.
R.W. Bro. Peter Tomkins (88), High Prairie	D.D.G.M. No. 13	Dist.
R.W. Bro. Harry M. Ball (99), Sibbald	D.D.G.M. No. 14	Dist.
R.W. Bro. Daniel G. Code (66), Trochu	D.D.G.M. No. 15	Dist.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The following brethren were elected for the term of two years:

R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77)	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91)	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. Geo. F. Auxier (56)	Castor
R.W. Bro. E. G. Ironside (23)	Calgary

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

The following brethren were elected members of the Committee on Benevolence for the term of two years:

M.W. Bro. George Murray (2)	Whitla
M.W. Bro. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29)	Red Deer
R.W. Bro. J. E. Johnson (134)	Calgary

APPOINTED OFFICERS

R.W. Bro. Horace P. Reid (14), Grand Master-elect, announced the following appointments:

V.W. Bro. E. M. McCammon (23), Calgary	Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. Arthur Sayers (18), Ponoka	Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. Geo. Lomas (64), Bow Island	Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. Roderick B. MacKenzie (77), Edmonton	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. John Thomson (68), Edson	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Wm. Washburn (44), Wainwright	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Enos C. Locke (72), Coronation	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. H. P. Long (24), Vermilion	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Fred L. Simington (74), Vulcan	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Thos. Ingram (14), Edmonton	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. David Penman (91), Edmonton	Grand Pursuivant

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12.30 o'clock p.m.

Second Day**Afternoon Session****LABOR RESUMED**

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2.00 o'clock p.m.

The newly elected officers present were duly installed and the appointed officers invested by M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Past Grand Master.

PRESENTATION

M.W. Bro. Horace P. Reid, on behalf of Grand Lodge, presented M.W. Bro. George Murray with a set of Past Grand Master's regalia. M.W. Bro. Murray briefly replied, thanking the brethren for this added token of their love and esteem.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Nineteenth Annual Communication was closed in ample form at 3.45 o'clock p.m. with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.



S. Y. Taylor.

Grand Secretary

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1924.

M.W. Bro. Horace P. Reid (14)	Grand Master
10115 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton.	
R.W. Bro. Norman E. Carruthers (10) Lacombe ..	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Victor H. Macaulay (59)	D.D.G.M. No. 1 Dist.
Leeson-Lineham Block, Calgary.	
R.W. Bro. Richard S. Hodge (70), Redcliff	D.D.G.M. No. 2 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Walter D. Murdoch (102) Edgerton ..	D.D.G.M. No. 3 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Wm. J. Stephenson (12) Red Deer ..	D.D.G.M. No. 4 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Robt. W. Manley (15) Wetaskiwin ...	D.D.G.M. No. 5 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Neil Nicholson (40) Granum	D.D.G.M. No. 6 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Frederick E. Reagh (119)	D.D.G.M. No. 7 Dist.
1223 4th Ave., S., Lethbridge.	
R.W. Bro. Glen A. Passmore (86) Blairmore ...	D.D.G.M. No. 8 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Roy W. Stowell (122) Gadsby	D.D.G.M. No. 9 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Geo. T. McGregor (110) Minburn	D.D.G.M. No. 10 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Geo. N. Carson (74) Vulcan	D.D.G.M. No. 11 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Wm. Rea (14)	D.D.G.M. No. 12 Dist.
Tegler Building, Edmonton.	
R.W. Bro. Peter Tomkins (88) High Prairie	D.D.G.M. No. 13 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Harry M. Ball (99) Sibbald	D.D.G.M. No. 14 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Daniel G. Code (66) Trochu	D.D.G.M. No. 15 Dist.
R.W. Bro. T. Fred English (23)	Senior Grand Warden
934 Riverdale Avenue, Calgary.	
R.W. Bro. Wm. L. Ouimette (30), Coleman	Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23)	Grand Treasurer
327 13th Avenue, W., Calgary.	
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28)	Grand Secretary
12 Elma Block, Calgary.	
R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (118)	Grand Registrar
1726 11th St., W., Calgary.	
R.W. Bro. Wilfred C. Marsh (32), Claresholm	Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. F. M. McCammon (23)	Senior Grand Deacon
516 22nd Avenue, W., Calgary.	
V.W. Bro. Arthur Sayers (18), Ponoka	Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. Geo. Lomas (64) Bow Island	Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. Roderick B. MacKenzie (77) ..	Grand Director of Ceremonies
10944 89th Avenue, Edmonton.	
V.W. Bro. John Thomson (68) Edson	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Wm. Washburn (44) Wainwright	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Enos C. Locke (72), Coronation	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. H. P. Long (24), Vermilion	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Fred L. Simington (74), Vulcan	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Thos. Ingram (14)	Grand Steward
Empire Block, Edmonton.	
V.W. Bro. David Penman (61)	Grand Pursuivant
10631 124th Street, Edmonton.	
R.W. Bro. P. Fielding (38) Mulga	Grand Tyler

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

President	R.W. Bro. Norman E. Carruthers
Vice-President	R.W. Bro. T. Fred English
Secretary	M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE

M.W. Bro. Horace P. Reid (14), Grand Master	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. Geo. Macdonald (1), Past Grand Master	Calgary
M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor (7), Past Grand Master	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (1), Past Grand Master	Belize, Honduras
M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9), Past Grand Master	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Thomas McNabb (4), Past Grand Master	Turin
M.W. Bro. Robert Patterson (3), Past Grand Master	Macleod
M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), Past Grand Master	Calgary
M.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (18), Past Grand Master	Lethbridge
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Past Grand Master	Calgary
M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14), Past Grand Master	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), Past Grand Master	Calgary
M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), Past Grand Master	Red Deer
M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), Past Grand Master	Calgary
M.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge (37), Past Grand Master	London, Ont.
M.W. Bro. Frederick S. Selwood (28), Past Grand Master	Calgary
M.W. Bro. George Murray (2), Past Grand Master	Whitla
M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (7), Past Grand Master	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. W. G. Scott (—), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. N. J. Lindsay (1), Past Grand Master	Calgary
R.W. Bro. Norman E. Carruthers (10), Deputy Grand Master	Lacombe
R.W. Bro. T. F. English (23), Senior Grand Warden	Calgary
R.W. Bro. Wm. L. Ouimette (30), Junior Grand Warden	Coleman
R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23), Grand Treasurer	Calgary
R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (118), Grand Registrar	Calgary

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE.

R.W. Bro. J. E. Johnson (134)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. J. N. Rankin (1)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. Samuel Harris (88)	High Prairie
R.W. Bro. E. J. Flavin (11)	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77)	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. Geo. F. Auxier (56)	Castor
R.W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91)	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. E. G. Ironside (23)	Calgary

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

SUB-COMMITTEES :

Jurisprudence—M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), Chairman, and all other Past Grand Masters.

Grievances and Appeals—M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), Chairman; M.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (18); R.W. Bro. J. N. Rankin (1); R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77); R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23); R.W. Bro. R. W. Manley (15); R.W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson (12); R.W. Bro. R. W. Stowell (122).

Condition of Masonry—R. W. Bro. Norman E. Carruthers (10), Chairman; M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6); R. W. Bro. T. F. English (23); R.W. Bro. W. L. Ouimette (30); R.W. Bro. W. D. Murdoch (102); R.W. Bro. Neil Nicholson (40); R.W. Bro. F. E. Reagh (119); R.W. Bro. G. A. Passmore (86).

Finance—M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), Chairman; R.W. Bro. J. E. Johnson (134); R.W. Bro. E. G. Ironside (23); R.W. Bro. G. F. Auxier (56); R.W. Bro. N. E. Carruthers (10); R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (118); R.W. Bro. Wm. Rea (14).

Foreign Relations and Correspondence—M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), Chairman.

Masonic Research and Education—M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Chairman; M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14); M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor (7); M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28); R.W. Bro. G. F. Auxier (56); R.W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91); R.W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59).

Charters and New Lodges—R.W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91), Chairman; M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (91); R.W. Bro. S. Harris (88); R.W. Bro. G. T. MacGregor (110); R.W. Bro. G. N. Carson (74); R.W. Bro. P. Tomkins (88); R.W. Bro. Harry M. Ball (99); R.W. Bro. D. G. Code (66).

Credentials and Reception—M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), Chairman; R.W. Bro. E. G. Ironside (23); R.W. Bro. E. J. Flavin (11); R.W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59); R.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77); R.W. Bro. R. W. Stowell (122); R.W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson (12); R.W. Bro. D. G. Code (66); R.W. Bro. G. A. Passmore (86); R.W. Bro. S. Harris (88); R.W. Bro. Harry M. Ball (99); R.W. Bro. Neil Nicholson (40); R.W. Bro. Richard S. Hodge (70).

S. Y. TAYLOR,
Grand Secretary.

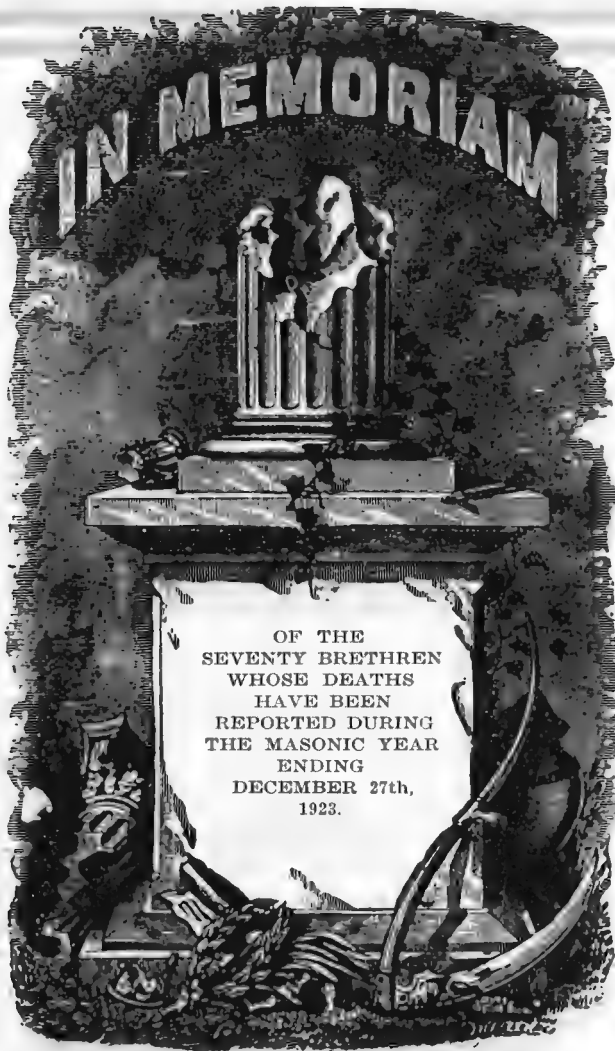


"Beautiful life is that whose span
Is spent in duty to God and man,
Beautiful calm when the course is run;
Beautiful twilight at set of sun;
Beautiful death, with a life well done."

Memorial Page

Reverently Inscribed to the Honored Dead of Sister Jurisdictions.

Jurisdiction	Name and Rank	Date of Death
Alabama	Greene, Daniel Arthur, P.G.M.....	June 16, 1923
Alabama	Jacobs, Ben Moses, P.G.M.	July 11, 1923
Florida	Johnson, Charles Ward, P.G.M.....	Nov. 7, 1923
Florida	Wilson, Cephas Love, P.G.M.....	June 25, 1923
Iowa	Lambert, Thomas, P.G.M.	Sept. 3, 1923
Maine	Mallet, Edmund Buxton, P.G.M.....	Sept. 17, 1923
Maine	Sleeper, Frank Eugene, P.G.M.....	May 2, 1923
Mississippi	Sisson, Thomas Upton, P.G.M.....	Sept. 26, 1923
Nebraska	Gibbons, Henry, P.G.M.	Aug. 22, 1923
Nebraska	Hull, Milton I., P.G.M.....	Sept. 18, 1923
Nebraska	Warren, Edwin Force, P.G.M.....	July 9, 1923
Nevada	Doughty, James Conrad, P.G.M.....	June 7, 1923
Nevada	Eckley, John Wheelan, P.G.M.....	Dec. 11, 1922
Nevada	Morgan, George Arthur, P.G.M.....	Sept. 19, 1923
North Dakota	Hull, John J., P.G.M.....	Dec. 28, 1923
Nova Scotia	Christie, William Medford, P.G.M..	Oct. 27, 1923
Ohio	Kinsey, Isaac, P.G.M.....	Dec. 20, 1923



"We do not sigh when golden skies have donned
The purple shadows and the gray of night,
Because we know the morning lies beyond
And we must wait a little while for light,
So when, grown weary with the care and strife,
Our loved ones find in sleep the peace they crave,
We should not weep but learn to count this life
A prelude to the one beyond the grave."

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To the honored dead of our own Jurisdiction

No.	Lodge	Name	Date of Death
1.	Bow River	Downs, J. E.	June 9, 1923
1.	Bow River	Collins, Washington G.	Aug. 8, 1923
1.	Bow River	Grady, John M.	Aug. 9, 1923
1.	Bow River	Bayly, Maxwell C.	Dec. 22, 1923
4.	North Star	Sloan, William	Feb. 11, 1923
4.	North Star	McCulloch, Alex.	Oct. 1, 1923
4.	North Star	McBeth, Hugh	Oct. 14, 1923
4.	North Star	Jones, Samuel	Nov. 13, 1923
7.	Edmonton	Crealock, Chas. H.	Mar. 4, 1923
7.	Edmonton	Simkins, Harry	Apr. 16, 1923
7.	Edmonton	Macdonald, Chas. E.	May 24, 1923
7.	Edmonton	Pennock, Brock	Aug. 13, 1923
7.	Edmonton	Gogarn, John R.	Dec. 30, 1923
9.	Perfection	McKillop, David A.	Feb. 13, 1923
9.	Perfection	Foster, Stephen Sewell	May 31, 1923
11.	Acacia	Randall, Thomas	Aug. 25, 1923
11.	Acacia	Tuttle, Willis Crawford	Nov. 8, 1923
14.	Jasper	Quail, Robert	Feb. 3, 1923
14.	Jasper	Bellamy, Frederick Geo. M.	July 14, 1923
14.	Jasper	McInnis, Herman Lewis	July 16, 1923
14.	Jasper	Godden, Wilfred Joseph	Aug. 3, 1923
20.	Carstairs	Robinson, Fred R.	Mar. 13, 1923
20.	Carstairs	Whidden, Richard S.	July 17, 1923
21.	King Hiram	Peterson, Charles Louis	Aug. 20, 1923
21.	King Hiram	Sexsmith, George Breather	Nov. 9, 1923
23.	Calgary	McIntosh, Ralph Daniel	Aug. 31, 1923
24.	Vermilion	Moon, W.	May 30, 1923
24.	Vermilion	Craddock, James	Nov. 9, 1923
26.	Sentinel	Whiller, Jacob	Sept. 30, 1923
28.	Ashlar	Sadler, Herbert	Jan. 16, 1923
29.	Kenilworth	Grimson, Earl S.	Apr. 30, 1923
31.	Doric	Wilson, James D.	Oct. 22, 1923
33.	Stavely	Riford, Royal P.	Mar. 9, 1923
33.	Stavely	Cooper, Sidney	Mar. 23, 1923
33.	Stavely	Birtch, Howard S.	Oct. 9, 1923
35.	Mizpah	Warner, S. Jocelyn	May 6, 1923
36.	Gleichen	Suffel, Charles J.	Feb. .. 1923
39.	Lethbridge	Purcell, Archie	Nov. 15, 1923
40.	Joppa	Blair, Thomas William	Apr. 1, 1923

No.	Lodge	Name	Date of Death
43.	Tuscan	Hawley, Alexander S.	Aug. 18, 1923
45.	Ionic	Palmer, John C.	Mar. 21, 1923
51.	Unity	McPhee, Hugh	Feb. 13, 1923
51.	Unity	Christie, James	Aug. 12, 1923
51.	Unity	Thompson, Joseph Henry	Sep. 13, 1923
51.	Unity	Shultz, J. Logan	Nov. 20, 1923
54.	Mount Lebanon	Johnson, George E.	June 6, 1923
55.	Bassano	Cryderman, B. F.	Apr. .. 1923
58.	Chief Mountain	Perry, James Ebenezer	Sept. 29, 1923
67.	Charity	Bowker, James	Jan. 28, 1923
68.	Edson	Minore, James	July 18, 1923
69.	Connaught	Shepard, William E.	Jan. 4, 1923
76.	Fidelity	Bodgmer, Percy F.	Feb. 17, 1923
76.	Fidelity	Pearson, Edward S.	Mar. 19, 1923
77.	Strathcona	Shields, W. K.	Sept. 5, 1923
78.	Hanna	Simpson, Harry T.	June 19, 1923
82.	Acadia	Worthing, Frank D.	Jan. 28, 1923
84.	Champion	Blachly, Washington B.	April 14, 1923
86.	Rocky Mountain	Elliott, Albert M.	Oct. 24, 1923
91.	Patricia	Hughes, Thomas	Mar. 29, 1923
91.	Patricia	Darling, Hiram	May 6, 1923
92.	Saskatchewan	Cram, Henry John	Jan. 7, 1923
93.	Symbol	Rosenstiel, Geo. M.	Apr. 11, 1923
93.	Symbol	Hillary, John	Apr. 17, 1923
93.	Symbol	Paris, Charles N.	May 3, 1923
98.	Hand Hill	Sixby, Jay R.	June 19, 1923
109.	Ancient Landmark	Kohler, Geo. Washington	Mar. 31, 1923
118.	St. Mark's	Boardman, Arthur	Dec. 5, 1923
121.	Clive	Foster, Stephen Sewell	May, 1923
126.	Pembina	Mells, D. Lafayette	Aug. 11, 1923
129.	Meridian	Hutchinson, Thomas	Dec. 28, 1923

SUSPENSIONS N.P.D.

No.	Lodge	Name	Date
1.	Bow River	Kinnisten, W. C.	June 6, 1923
1.	Bow River	McKibben, R. A.	June 6, 1923
1.	Bow River	Nicholas, Charles	June 6, 1923
1.	Bow River	Nowell, W.	June 6, 1923
1.	Bow River	Weston, C.	June 6, 1923
1.	Bow River	McBride, Edward	Dec. 27, 1923
1.	Bow River	Barber, George	Dec. 27, 1923
1.	Bow River	Choinard, Charles	Dec. 27, 1923
1.	Bow River	Dennis, Henry J.	Dec. 27, 1923
1.	Bow River	Gamble, William Joshua	Dec. 27, 1923
1.	Bow River	Lowes, Frederick Charles	Dec. 27, 1923
1.	Bow River	Morrison, Ross John	Dec. 27, 1923
1.	Bow River	Mitchell, Louis Frank	Dec. 27, 1923
1.	Bow River	Page, William Geo. L.	Dec. 27, 1923
1.	Bow River	Price, Thomas	Dec. 27, 1923
1.	Bow River	Richert, John J.	Dec. 27, 1923
1.	Bow River	Whitney, Samuel Ernest	Dec. 27, 1923
2.	Medicine Hat	Hooper, Sidney Thomas	Dec. 11, 1923
2.	Medicine Hat	Smith, Harry	Dec. 11, 1923
2.	Medicine Hat	Mitchell, James P.	Dec. 11, 1923
3.	Alberta	Metge, Selwyn C.	Oct. 17, 1923
3.	Alberta	Grier, Roy	Oct. 17, 1923
3.	Alberta	Bowser, Harry Simpson	Oct. 17, 1923
3.	Alberta	Murray, Thomas Arthur	Oct. 17, 1923
4.	North Star	Stanford, Samuel	Sep. 10, 1923
4.	North Star	Brodie, John	Dec. 28, 1923
4.	North Star	Fairbrother, Robert Alex.	Dec. 28, 1923
4.	North Star	Simons, James E.	Dec. 28, 1923
4.	North Star	Oliver, William	Dec. 28, 1923
4.	North Star	Allen, John	Dec. 28, 1923
5.	Cascade	Walters, Elvan Lloyd	Sep. 20, 1923
7.	Edmonton	Robinson, Herb. W.	June 12, 1923
7.	Edmonton	Bonneau, Alex. J.	Dec. 11, 1923
7.	Edmonton	Fowler, Elvin R.	Dec. 11, 1923
7.	Edmonton	Marks, Henry J.	Dec. 11, 1923
7.	Edmonton	Marshall, Duncan M.	Dec. 11, 1923
7.	Edmonton	Phillipson, Matthew	Dec. 11, 1923
7.	Edmonton	Merrill, Norman D.	Dec. 11, 1923
7.	Edmonton	Whitby, Wm. C.	Dec. 11, 1923
7.	Edmonton	Tweeddale, David H.	Dec. 11, 1923
7.	Edmonton	Morris, John	Dec. 11, 1923
7.	Edmonton	Moorhouse, Ernest W.	Dec. 11, 1923
7.	Edmonton	Maroney, Frederick	Dec. 11, 1923
7.	Edmonton	Heeley, Wm. G.	Dec. 11, 1923
7.	Edmonton	Gowen, Geo. E.	Dec. 11, 1923
7.	Edmonton	Bruce, Charles	Dec. 11, 1923
8.	Innisfail	Cole, Arthur O.	Dec. 20, 1923
11.	Acacia	Kinsella, Chas. Arthur	June 14, 1923
11.	Acacia	Wooten, Harold Victor	Nov. 15, 1923
14.	Jasper	Sheldon, Frederick Wm.	Jan. 8, 1923
14.	Jasper	Blewett, John George	June 11, 1923
14.	Jasper	Dunham, Adolphus Victor	June 11, 1923
14.	Jasper	Weber, Carl Edward	June 11, 1923
14.	Jasper	Armstrong, Joseph	Dec. 10, 1923
14.	Jasper	Bergin, Walter H.	Dec. 10, 1923

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14.	Jasper	Millar, John Henry	Dec. 10, 1923
14.	Jasper	Blue, John	Dec. 10, 1923
14.	Jasper	Brewer, Edward Ernest	Dec. 10, 1923
14.	Jasper	Strong, Oscar Frederick	Dec. 10, 1923
14.	Jasper	Lowery, James Robert	Dec. 10, 1923
14.	Jasper	Summers, Harold	Dec. 10, 1923
17.	Nanton	Shoop, Ira	Jan. 19, 1923
20.	Carstairs	Campbell, James Tassie	Mar. 26, 1923
21.	King Hiram	Atkins, Henry Burns	Dec. 27, 1923
21.	King Hiram	Haag, Victor Daniel	Dec. 27, 1923
23.	Calgary	Anderson, Herbert Edgar	Feb. 2, 1923
23.	Calgary	Jarman, Henry Niles	Feb. 2, 1923
23.	Calgary	McFarlane, Wm. Archibald	Feb. 2, 1923
23.	Calgary	McKinnon, Archibald L.	Feb. 2, 1923
23.	Calgary	Prettie, Ralph Downey	Feb. 2, 1923
25.	St. John's	Clark, Edward J.	May 7, 1923
25.	St. John's	Morrison, F. A.	May 7, 1923
25.	St. John's	McLaughlin, E. E.	May 7, 1923
25.	St. John's	Worth, I. D.	May 7, 1923
25.	St. John's	Batty, John	May 7, 1923
25.	St. John's	McCallum, D.	May 7, 1923
25.	St. John's	Eddington, P. A.	May 7, 1923
25.	St. John's	Maine, J. H.	May 7, 1923
25.	St. John's	McLendon, M. J.	May 7, 1923
25.	St. John's	Walker, G. W.	May 7, 1923
25.	St. John's	Wilson, Alex.	May 7, 1923
25.	St. John's	Wilson, Andrew	May 7, 1923
28.	Ashlar	Rowan, R. H.	Jan. 11, 1923
28.	Ashlar	Wilson, R. C.	Jan. 11, 1923
28.	Ashlar	Laker, J. P.	Feb. 8, 1923
28.	Ashlar	Gibson, Gerald	Oct. 11, 1923
28.	Ashlar	Lasher, Charles E.	Nov. 8, 1923
28.	Ashlar	Major, William P.	Nov. 8, 1923
28.	Ashlar	McTavish, Peter Donald	Nov. 8, 1923
28.	Ashlar	Scott, Joseph W.	Nov. 8, 1923
28.	Ashlar	Campbell, George H.	Nov. 8, 1923
29.	Kenilworth	Page, Lionel F.	Feb. 6, 1923
29.	Kenilworth	Marshall, John K.	Feb. 6, 1923
30.	Summit	Largue, Thos. J.	Nov. 1, 1923
30.	Summit	Horne, Thomas	Nov. 1, 1923
30.	Summit	Fletcher, Levi	Nov. 1, 1923
30.	Summit	Slingsby, Sydney	Nov. 1, 1923
30.	Summit	Daniels, George W. B.	Nov. 1, 1923
31.	Doric	Thomson, Pierre Chilton	Dec. 18, 1923
31.	Doric	Bee, Charles Everett	Dec. 18, 1923
33.	Stavely	Orr, William Francis	Jan. 30, 1923
33.	Stavely	Angel, Horace Murray	Jan. 30, 1923
34.	Star of the West	Brumwell, Robert	Apr. 3, 1923
35.	Mizpah	Milne, David	Dec. 18, 1923
35.	Mizpah	Boyce, John James	Dec. 18, 1923
35.	Mizpah	Pettet, Harris Clifton	Dec. 18, 1923
36.	Gleichen	Vigar, A. E.	May 1, 1923
36.	Gleichen	Carruthers, Jos.	May 1, 1923
36.	Gleichen	McCarley, W. P.	May 1, 1923
37.	Camrose	Price, Ruben Budd	Mar. 8, 1923
40.	Joppa	Gaudette, C. W. F.	Apr. 6, 1923

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40.	Joppa	Gillespie, Thos.	Apr. 6, 1923
41.	King Solomon	Reeves, Harvey M.	Apr. 27, 1923
44.	Buffalo Park	King, Harry C.	Dec. 16, 1923
44.	Buffalo Park	Hunter, Robert	Dec. 16, 1923
44.	Buffalo Park	Smith, Adam W.	Dec. 16, 1923
44.	Buffalo Park	May, Humphrey P.	Dec. 16, 1923
44.	Buffalo Park	McLeod, Herbert W.	Dec. 16, 1923
44.	Buffalo Park	Gregory, Samuel T.	Dec. 16, 1923
45.	Ionic	Cook, Wm. D.	June 21, 1923
45.	Ionic	McKirdy, Wm.	June 21, 1923
48.	Crossfield	Arnott, Robert	Dec. 10, 1923
48.	Crossfield	Allan, Malcolm M.	Dec. 10, 1923
48.	Crossfield	Lowe, William	Dec. 10, 1923
49.	Robert Burns	Wannop, William	May 28, 1923
49.	Robert Burns	Walker, Guy	May 28, 1923
49.	Robert Burns	Ainslie, James Stuart	June 25, 1923
51.	Unity	Allbright, Edward G.	Jan. 5, 1923
51.	Unity	Bathgate, Andrew	Jan. 5, 1923
51.	Unity	Carter, Geo. T.	Jan. 5, 1923
51.	Unity	Cole, Harry	Jan. 5, 1923
51.	Unity	Fleming, Albert D.	Jan. 5, 1923
51.	Unity	Grant, Wilbur G.	Jan. 5, 1923
51.	Unity	Hamilton, Charles M.	Jan. 5, 1923
51.	Unity	Parkinson, Harry Jackson	Jan. 5, 1923
51.	Unity	McPhee, Peter	Jan. 5, 1923
51.	Unity	Stuart, Frederick	Jan. 5, 1923
51.	Unity	Welsh, Henry	Jan. 5, 1923
51.	Unity	Zohrab, Leslie T.	Jan. 5, 1923
51.	Unity	Wintersgill, John Wm.	Jan. 5, 1923
53.	Strathmore	Kile, William Geo.	Nov. 5, 1923
53.	Strathmore	Main, Lewis J.	Nov. 5, 1923
53.	Strathmore	McFarland, Henry Earl	Nov. 5, 1923
54.	Mount Lebanon	Hinton, Clement R.	Mar. 13, 1923
54.	Mount Lebanon	Saul, Thomas	Mar. 13, 1923
54.	Mount Lebanon	Frizzle, Donald B.	Mar. 13, 1923
54.	Mount Lebanon	Mills, Alfred Geo.	Mar. 13, 1923
54.	Mount Lebanon	Boyer, Felix A.	Mar. 13, 1923
55.	Bassano	Ash, John L.	July 3, 1923
55.	Bassano	Brandenburg, E. G.	July 3, 1923
55.	Bassano	Davis, J. Watson	July 3, 1923
55.	Bassano	Douglas, C. L.	July 3, 1923
55.	Bassano	Murchison, F. D.	July 3, 1923
55.	Bassano	Yeo, W. J.	July 3, 1923
55.	Bassano	Sibbick, William	July 3, 1923
56.	Beaver	Hobbs, Alfred P.	June 6, 1923
56.	Beaver	Fielding, H. K.	June 6, 1923
56.	Beaver	French, W. A.	June 6, 1923
56.	Beaver	Allen, Robert	June 6, 1923
56.	Beaver	Berry, Edgar	June 6, 1923
56.	Beaver	Hewitt, Chas. E.	June 6, 1923
56.	Beaver	Hewitt, Wm. John	June 6, 1923
56.	Beaver	Spalding, Roy	Jan. 2, 1923
58.	Chief Mountain	Belcher, Frederick G.	Apr. 13, 1923
58.	Chief Mountain	Hayes, Walter Edward	June 8, 1923
59.	King George	Riley, Frank R.	Apr. 13, 1923
59.	King George	Francis, R. B.	Apr. 13, 1923

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59.	King George	Carey, Charles A.	Apr. 13, 1923
59.	King George	Best, Robert	Apr. 13, 1923
59.	King George	Bowlby, George	Dec. 14, 1923
59.	King George	Essen, John W.	Dec. 14, 1923
59.	King George	Hunt, Samuel G.	Dec. 14, 1923
59.	King George	Mason, Alfred D.	Dec. 14, 1923
59.	King George	Poppitt, John E.	Dec. 14, 1923
59.	King George	Sands, George Oscar	Dec. 14, 1923
60.	Acme	Pratt, Jas. Gilmour	Feb. 1, 1923
60.	Acme	Norquay, Jas. B.	Feb. 1, 1923
60.	Acme	Heaton, George Y.	Feb. 1, 1923
60.	Acme	Reay, William	Feb. 1, 1923
60.	Acme	Burrow, Edward	Feb. 1, 1923
61.	Provost	Smith, Colin Alexander	Apr. 18, 1923
61.	Provost	Howe, Archibald F.	Apr. 18, 1923
61.	Provost	Nelson, Samuel C.	Apr. 18, 1923
61.	Provost	Wright, John W.	May 16, 1923
61.	Provost	Sackrider, Thos. H.	May 16, 1923
65.	Diamond City	Pocock, John	June 8, 1923
65.	Diamond City	Swanson, Frank Wm.	June 8, 1923
69.	Connaught	Prochaska, Emil J.	Aug. 28, 1923
69.	Connaught	Tonkin, Henry Thomas	Aug. 28, 1923
69.	Connaught	Westbrook, Roy Ernest	Aug. 28, 1923
72.	Coronation	Corey, Lloyd A.	Apr. 26, 1923
72.	Coronation	Schultz, Luke G.	Apr. 26, 1923
72.	Coronation	Fraser, Raymond D.	Apr. 26, 1923
73.	Brooks	Binns, John Hudson	Feb. 20, 1923
73.	Brooks	McKittrick, Chas. Wm.	Feb. 20, 1923
73.	Brooks	Luckham, Stanley R.	Feb. 20, 1923
73.	Brooks	Vosburg, John	Feb. 20, 1923
73.	Brooks	Reynolds, Wm. J.	Feb. 20, 1923
73.	Brooks	Wilson, James John	Feb. 20, 1923
73.	Brooks	McBride, Sydney Hamilton	Feb. 20, 1923
73.	Brooks	Hall, Elmer Elsworth	Feb. 20, 1923
73.	Brooks	Brandner, Harvey Melvin	Feb. 20, 1923
73.	Brooks	Bonnycastle, John	Feb. 20, 1923
73.	Brooks	Slocombe, Wallace	Feb. 20, 1923
73.	Brooks	Coultis, Egbert Ogle	Dec. 18, 1923
73.	Brooks	Mersereau, Frank R.	Dec. 18, 1923
76.	Fidelity	Leidberg, John E.	May 29, 1923
76.	Fidelity	Stonehouse, William Henry	July 27, 1923
79.	Morning Star	Cookson, William	Oct. 25, 1923
81.	Commercial	Gage, James Garfield	Feb. 3, 1923
81.	Commercial	Reid, Thomas	Feb. 3, 1923
81.	Commercial	Thornton, Mansfield Blair	Feb. 3, 1923
82.	Acadia	Barry, William	Dec. 18, 1923
82.	Acadia	Gregg, James M.	Dec. 18, 1923
82.	Acadia	McKennie, Henry	Dec. 18, 1923
82.	Acadia	Stage, John L.	Dec. 18, 1923
83.	Zetland	Dunbar, Edgar A.	May 1, 1923
84.	Champion	Hulburt, Amasa P.	May 10, 1923
89.	Peace River	Lamont, Frank	Dec. 12, 1923
89.	Peace River	Anderson, Oliver C.	Dec. 12, 1923
90.	Norwood	Williams, John Dill	May 8, 1923
90.	Norwood	Morrison, John Sebastian	Dec. 11, 1923
90.	Norwood	Mather, Rowland	Dec. 11, 1923

No.	Lodge	Name	Date
91.	Patricia	Buxton, W. J.	Feb. 16, 1923
91.	Patricia	Cole, Frank D.	Feb. 16, 1923
91.	Patricia	Gorman, Geo. W.	Feb. 16, 1923
91.	Patricia	Perkins, Kenneth M.	Feb. 16, 1923
91.	Patricia	Smith, Alex.	Feb. 16, 1923
91.	Patricia	Sinclair, A. McLeod	Feb. 16, 1923
91.	Patricia	Stroud, Wm. E.	Feb. 16, 1923
91.	Patricia	Thomson, P. G.	Feb. 16, 1923
91.	Patricia	White, John A.	Feb. 16, 1923
91.	Patricia	Hustwick, Chas. F.	Dec. 21, 1923
91.	Patricia	Jennings, Harry Percy	Dec. 21, 1923
91.	Patricia	Peters, William	Dec. 21, 1923
91.	Patricia	Randall, Howard M.	Dec. 21, 1923
101.	West Edmonton	Barker, Anthony J. H.	Dec. 5, 1923
101.	West Edmonton	Ames, Ernest Geo.	Dec. 5, 1923
104.	Oyen	England, William T.	Dec. 7, 1923
104.	Oyen	Watrous, Ernest Stanley	Dec. 7, 1923
104.	Oyen	MacKenzie, Alexander	Dec. 7, 1923
104.	Oyen	Maul, Charles	Dec. 7, 1923
104.	Oyen	Chapman, Lemuel G.	Dec. 7, 1923
104.	Oyen	Watrous, William E.	Dec. 7, 1923
104.	Oyen	Curtis, George M.	Dec. 7, 1923
104.	Oyen	Caldwell, Charles	Dec. 7, 1923
104.	Oyen	Webster, Frederick W.	Dec. 7, 1923
105.	Grande Prairie	Leslie, Edward H.	Dec. 19, 1923
105.	Grande Prairie	Norley, William V.	Dec. 19, 1923
105.	Grande Prairie	Rasmussen, Jas. W.	Dec. 19, 1923
117.	Dominion	Slater, James Sisson	Apr. 5, 1923
117.	Dominion	Woolton, Harold V.	Apr. 5, 1923
117.	Dominion	Mawer, Matthew	Sep. 6, 1923
117.	Dominion	Sloan, Charles Robert	Sep. 6, 1923
119.	York	Baird, James B.	Sep. 4, 1923
119.	York	Linge, George M.	Sep. 4, 1923
120.	Monitor	Stewart, Claude O.	Apr. 20, 1923
127.	Granite	Davidson, John James	Dec. 5, 1923
127.	Granite	Cochran, John	Dec. 5, 1923
127.	Granite	Black, Donald	Dec. 5, 1923
127.	Granite	Rhode, F. C.	Dec. 5, 1923

SUSPENSIONS FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT

No.	Lodge	Name	Date
4.	North Star	Edgett, Orin Bert	May 7, 1923
14.	Jasper	Sacker, J. Henry	Jan. 8, 1923
22.	Corinthian	Pamment, Robert Wm.	Mar. 28, 1923
28.	Ashlar	Houl'on, Sidney	Feb. 22, 1923
39.	Lethbridge	Horning, James Emerson	Apr. 19, 1923
59.	King George	Bateman, Bramwell	Jan. 12, 1923

EXPULSIONS

No.	Lodge	Name	Date
85.	Suffield	Hatherall, Albert E.	Mar. 14, 1923

RESTORATIONS

No.	Lodge	Name	Date
1.	Bow River	Crandell, E. H.	June 6, 1923
1.	Bow River	Kinnisten, Wm. C.	Sep. 5, 1923
1.	Bow River	McCutcheon, Clarence M.	Oct. 3, 1923
4.	North Star	Gobelle, James Ven	Mar. 12, 1923
4.	North Star	Jackson, Sydney	Oct. 8, 1923
9.	Perfection	Lyne, Fred R.	Apr. 17, 1923
9.	Perfection	Holdsworth, Ansel H.	Sep. 18, 1923
9.	Perfection	Christie, Thos. Noble	Nov. 20, 1923
10.	Eureka	Lundy, John Arthur	Feb. 1, 1923
11.	Acacia	Helleur, Edward Geo. F.	May 10, 1923
14.	Jasper	Reid, John Elmond	Dec. 10, 1923
19.	Cornerstone	Stanley, J. W.	Jan. 18, 1923
19.	Cornerstone	Sexsmith, John Lemuel	Sep. 20, 1923
19.	Cornerstone	Findlay, Geo. Andrew	Nov. 15, 1923
20.	Carstairs	Taylor, Wm. Patterson	Aug. 23, 1923
25.	St. John's	Clark, Edward J.	
33.	Stavely	Linville, Edward Earl	Dec. 19, 1923
35.	Mizpah	Grace, Lawrence T.	Jan. 16, 1923
37.	Camrose	Mara, Andrew	Oct. 11, 1923
38.	Hope	Young, William	June 5, 1923
46.	Palestine	Wicks, Charles Gustave	May 16, 1923
51.	Unity	Cook, Douglas C.	Dec. 4, 1923
54.	Mount Lebanon	Stewart, Alexander T.	Feb. 13, 1923
54.	Mount Lebanon	Gowan, Frank S.	Mar. 13, 1923
54.	Mount Lebanon	Willard, Otto A.	Apr. 10, 1923
54.	Mount Lebanon	Mills, Alfred George	Sep. 11, 1923
55.	Bassano	Murchison, Frank Duncan	July 25, 1923
55.	Bassano	Douglass, Charles L.	July 12, 1923
59.	King George	Langley, Edward A.	Sep. 14, 1923
67.	Charity	Sharman, Wm. Frank	July 10, 1923
72.	Coronation	Fraser, Raymond D.	Oct. 18, 1923
73.	Brooks	Slocombe, Wallace	Mar. 20, 1923
77.	Strathcona	Morrow, Thos. B.	Jan. 12, 1923
77.	Strathcona	Kelley, Charles A.	Apr. 13, 1923
81.	Commercial	Measam, George Ernest	Jan. 6, 1923
83.	Zetland	Dunbar, Edgar A.	Dec. 4, 1923
90.	Norwood	Bainbridge, George C.	Jan. 9, 1923
90.	Norwood	Fletcher, Ivan	Dec. 11, 1923
91.	Patricia	Darling, E. Claire	June 15, 1923
91.	Patricia	Beattie, Gordon N.	Sep. 21, 1923

LODGE DIRECTORY
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STATISTICAL TABLE

LODGE DIRECTORY

No.	Lodge	Master	Secretary	Address	Regular Meeting
1	Bow River	Richard Swift	A. J. Cowling	206 14th Ave. N.E., Calgary	First Wednesday in each month.
2	Medicine Hat	Robert S. Boyd	W. H. Williams	406 Dundee St., Medicine Hat	Second Tuesday in each month.
3	Alberta	Rev. Wm. J. Merrick	John S. Collis	MacLeod	Third Wednesday in each month.
4	North Star	Thos. H. Fleetwood	Frank Goodwin	P.O. Box 802, Lethbridge.	Second Monday in each month.
5	Cascade	Wm. H. Hiscocks	W. E. Ward	Banff	Thursday, on or before full moon.
6	Spitzke	John B. Marcellus	H. O. Purkis	Pincher Creek	Thursday, on or after full moon.
7	Edmonton	J. W. Hill	Lorne Muir	P.O. Box 515, Edmonton.	Second Tuesday in each month.
8	Innisfail	Henry J. Percy	Wm. H. Jackson	Innisfail	First Thursday in each month.
9	Perfection	G. W. Skene	J. C. McDougall	Alexander Corner, Calgary	Third Tuesday in each month.
10	Eureka	R. B. Thompson	Jesse Fraser	Lacombe	First Wednesday in each month.
11	Acacia	Jas. Duncan	Chas. W. Lilley	10528 78th Ave., Edmonton	Second Thursday in each month.
12	Red Deer	R. A. Van Slyke	Alfred G. Ayres	Red Deer	Second Tuesday in each month.
13	Victoria	David Roberts	Wm. A. Graham	Fort Saskatchewan	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
14	Jasper	Andrew Black	Henry Sandilands	9258 91st St., Edmonton.	Second Monday in each month.
15	Wetaskiwin	Harry G. Smith	Geo. D. Wallace	Wetaskiwin	Third Thursday in each month.
16	Mountain View	Clair C. Hartman	J. C. F. Paul	Olds	Friday, on or before full moon.
17	Nanton	Geo. E. McKeage	Geo. H. Legler	Nanton	Third Friday in each month.
18	Britannia	Neil W. Nelson	Robt. W. McWilliam	Ponoka	First Thursday in each month.
19	Cornerstone	W. Geo. Young	P. G. Thomas	High River	Third Thursday in each month.
20	Carstairs	W. A. Pryor	C. W. Henders	Carstairs	Thursday, on or before full moon.
21	King Hiram	John A. Clarke	H. Morgan	Didsbury	First Tuesday in each month.
22	Corinthian	Wm. B. Fisher	G. C. S. Paterson	Okotoks	First Friday in each month.
23	Calgary	Chas. S. Newcomb	John A. McBurney	426 Blvd. N.W., Calgary	First Tuesday in each month.
24	Vermilion	Geo. W. Wright	G. A. Stewart	Ve-million	First Monday in each month.
25	St. John's	L. R. Dodge	H. H. Hacker	Hillcrest	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
26	Sentinel	Hugh O. Westrup	E. C. Cosstick	Stettler	First Monday in each month.
27	Apollo	Andrew Scotland	Louis H. King	25th Ave. & 2nd St. E., Calgary	Second Thursday in each month.
28	Ashlar	J. V. Follett	W. R. Reader	Calgary	First Tuesday in each month.
29	Kenilworth	H. Willson	S. Parnely	Red Deer	First Thursday in each month.
30	Summit	Luke Lindee	Wm. L. Ouimette	Coleman	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
31	Doric	Ernest V. Rose	Alex. Stewart	Taber	Third Tuesday in each month.
32	Cairo	Rev. Wilfred C. Marsh	John W. McPhee	Clareholm	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
33	Stavely	Chas. Morland	F. S. Diitto	Stavely	First Tuesday in each month.
34	Star of the W	Herbert W. Joslin	Geo. R. Metcalfe	Leduc	Third Tuesday in each month.
35	Mizpah	N. M. Conner	Walter B. Stevens	27 2nd St., Medicine Hat	Tuesday, on or next after full moon
36	Gleichen	L. Cuthbert	R. S. McQueen	Gleichen	

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37	Camrose	Edward E. Connor	G. S. Hunter,	Camrose	Second Thursday in each month.
38	Hope	A. E. Williams	W. N. Crooks	Manville	Monday, on or before full moon.
39	Lethbridge	W. Manson	James Barr	414 13th St. S., Lethbridge	Third Thursday in each month.
40	Joppe	Stanley Daley	Roy A. Clement	Grazum	Thursday, on or before full moon.
41	King Solomon	W. Anderson	J. W. Loughery	Cochrane	Friday, on or before full moon.
42	Bowden	Thos. W. Jackson	Frank B. Keene	Bowden	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
43	Tuscan	L. L. Connor	H. Delamater	Killam	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
44	Buffalo Park	Peter Dewar	Jas. Bracegirdle	Wainwright	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
45	Ionic	Wm. H. Mitchell	Horace G. Finch	Alix	Thursday, preceding full moon.
46	Palestine	Geo. McLaughlin	Wm. W. North	Tofield	Third Wednesday in each month.
47	Chinook	Clifford Madden	M. A. Murphy	Cowley	Monday, on or before full moon.
48	Crossfield	A. W. Adams	F. J. Batcheller	Crossfield	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
49	Robert Burns	Chas. H. Messinger	A. F. McKibbin	Carmanagay	Monday, on or before full moon.
50	Comet	W. A. Anderson	W. T. Haynes	Hardisty	Monday, on or before full moon.
51	Unity	John Booth	D. McIntosh	P. O. Box 721, Edmonton	Second Wednesday in each month.
52	Strathmore	Henry Wood	A. U. Cook	Strathmore	First Monday in each month.
53	Mt. Lebanon	Henry M. Jenkins	H. W. Tritt	1119 13th St. W., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
54	Bassano	Harry H. Beiber	Wm. J. Blankstein	Bassano	First Tuesday in each month.
55	Beaver	Fred G. Harman	Arthur C. Moore	Grassy Lake	First Wednesday in each month.
56	Grassy Lake	Robert E. Weir	Wm. Ralsbeck	Grassy Lake	Second Thursday in each month.
57	Chief Mtn.	J. P. K. MacMillan	O. Rostrup	Cardston	Second Friday in each month.
58	King George	Andrew Davison	H. Whittred	1628 1st Ave. S.W., Calgary	Second Friday in each month.
59	Acme	Dr. W. G. Fowler	Rev. D. Whyte-Smith	Acme	Thursday, on or before full moon.
60	Provost	Ernest C. Tregale	Albert W. Fiske	Provost	Third Wednesday in each month.
61	Coal	N. L. Kvittern	G. C. Procter	Barr	Third Thursday in each month.
62	Empire	John Hawkesworth	C. J. LaKey	7024 126th St., Edmonton	Third Monday in each month.
63	Bow Island	Chas. T. McKinnon	Jas. W. Reid	Bow Island	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
64	Diamond City	Wm. Miller	D. Lawrence	Diamond City	Second Friday in each month.
65	St. Andrew's	Geo. H. Biggs	H. S. Mann	Trochu	Thursday, on or before full moon.
66	Charity	W. B. MacLaine	Chas. Barrett	539 12th St. A. North, Lethbridge	Second Tuesday in each month.
67	Edson	Frank Mayer	R. Knox	Edson	First Thursday in each month.
68	Connaught	Horace Rollans	R. Warrior	Viking	Tuesday, nearest full moon.
69	Quarry	Andrew J. Learmouth	B. J. Bott	Redcliff	First Tuesday in each month.
70	Tawatnaw	T. G. Plumley	S. R. Farquharson	Atabasca Landing	First Wednesday in each month.
71	Coronation	David A. Thomson	Thos. N. Cuthbert	Coronation	Thursday, on or before full moon.
72	Brooks	Wilfred F. Grafton	Dr. C. E. Anderson	Brooks	Third Tuesday in each month.
73	Vulcan	F. L. Simmington	F. M. Anderson	Vulcan	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
74	Harmony	E. Leah	W. J. Cumberland	Sedgewick	Monday, on or before full moon.
75	Fidelity	Geo. F. Grant	Jas. A. Marshall	Bashaw	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
76	Strathcona	S. R. Laycock	J. P. McBeath	10917 79th Ave., Edmonton	Second Friday in each month.
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78	Hanna	C. E. Sowden	I. H. Thompson	Hanna	First Wednesday in each month.
79	Morning Star	B. Kirkman	John R. Johnson	Lougheed	Thursday, on or before full moon.
80	Excelsior	S. W. A. Stewart	Hamilton	Strogon	Thursday, on or before full moon.
81	Commercial	S. G. Caldwell	Robt. Lockburn	10938 127th St., Edmonton	First Saturday in each month.
82	Acadia	Robt. Swaney	Geo. J. Fovey	Yongstons	First Tuesday, on or before full moon.
83	Cetland	W. E. Watkins	John H. McNeill	3913 3rd St. W., Calgary	First Tuesday in each month.
84	Champion	Floyd H. Derrick	G. L. Depue	Champion	Second Thursday in each month.
85	Suffield	Harry Burns	A. B. Spence	Sturfield	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
86	Rocky Mtn.	Frank W. Keyte	M. Currie	Blainmore	Second Monday in each month.
87	Crescent	H. H. Reynolds	F. Pottage	607 17th Ave. N.W. Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
88	Wahpun	F. H. Wright	T. A. Norris	High Prairie	Second Tuesday, on or next after full moon.
89	Peace River	Arthur Wright	John Southworth	Peace River	Second Wednesday in each month.
90	Norwood	A. M. Johnston	Geo. H. McAvoy	Masonic Hall, 11547 93rd St., Edmonton	Second Tuesday in each month.
91	Patricia	M. Robbins	Donald MacPherson	Edmonton	Third Friday in each month.
92	Saskatchewan	Jas. E. Holden	C. E. Gerhart	12123 94th St., Edmonton	Second Thursday in each month.
93	Symbol	H. M. Bennett	R. E. Harrison	Drumheller	Second Thursday in each month.
94	Lamont	Chas. H. Onions	Joseph Renshaw	Rimby	Monday, on or before full moon.
95	Kitchener	Chas. Kelly	Robert Emond	Holden	Friday, on or before full moon.
96	Dynamic	O. Hawthorn	L. D'Albertainson	Chauvin	First Wednesday in each month.
97	Albion	W. B. Dunlop	Geo. W. Richardson	Delia	First Thursday in each month.
98	Hand Hill	W. S. Ayer	Chas. Wilson	Sibbald	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
99	Mount Moriah	T. M. Williams	John Kelly	Warner	Thursday, on or before full moon.
100	Warner	Thos. I. Martin	Wm. Mackenzie	12774 115th St., West Edmonton	First Wednesday in each month.
101	W. Edmonton	Donald Pawsey	Thos. J. Chevasse	Edgerton	Monday, on or before full moon.
102	Edgerton	Howard Arnold	J. J. Watson	Foremost	First Wednesday in each month.
103	Foremost	Egbert P. Barbour	A. Johnston	Oven	First Friday in each month.
104	Oven	G. A. James	P. H. Belcher	Grande Prairie	Third Wednesday in each month.
105	Grande Prairie	David Carlisle	J. Archer	Lake Saskatoon	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
106	Lake Saskatoon	Wm. Van Loon	A. H. Jealous	Carbon	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
107	Carbon	Frank Vickers	W. J. Clements	Lomond	Monday, on or before full moon.
108	Pyramid	David J. Dickson	Geo. T. MacGregor	Mirror	First Wednesday in each month.
109	Ancient	Wm. S. Matthew	C. A. Albrecht	Minburn	Third Monday in each month.
110	Kilwinning	Wm. Harle	A. H. Dakin	Nobleford	First Tuesday in each month.
111	Nobleford	Geo. McTavish	F. W. Lawrence	Jarrow	First Thursday in each month.
112	Victory	Robt. V. Lawrence	J. W. Macleod	Three Hills	Third Thursday in each month.
113	Cyprus	Geo. F. Peek	R. R. Macleod	Westlock	First Thursday in each month.
114	Westlock			Chinook	Wednesday, on or after full moon.
115	Crocus			Spirit River	Third Monday in each month.
116	Spirit River				

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117	Dominion	A. L. Williams	T. W. Teape	10167 99th St., Edmonton.	First Thursday in each month.
118	St. Mark's	Frank Smith	G. H. Ratledge	2025 35th Ave. S.W., Calgary	Second Monday in each month.
119	York	Edgar Davis	Thos. H. Edmunds	P.D. Box 301, Lethbridge	First Tuesday in each month.
120	Monitor	Lowell Monroe	L. E. Larder	Monitor	Thursday, on or before full moon.
121	Clive	Claxton Wicks	F. J. Sissons	Clive	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
122	Rising Sun	Geo. H. Jackson	David Drinnan	Gadsby	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
123	Rockyford	W. T. Cochran	James Black	Rockyford	Thursday, on or before full moon.
124	Concord	James Maxey	Ewart Cropper	202 1st St. W., Calgary	First Saturday in each month.
125	Cavell	Geo. W. Spires	M. J. Manning	Delburne	Thursday, on or after full moon.
126	Pembina	Allen H. Grant	E. J. Edge	Sangudo	First Tuesday in each month.
127	Granite	Thos. A. Hatcher	Harry Andrews	Blackie	First Wednesday in each month.
128	Forestburg	L. M. Rogers	H. L. Williams	Forestburg	Wednesday, on or after full moon.
129	Meridian	F. W. Lundy	H. Ingram	Stony Plain	First Tuesday, on or before full moon.
130	Hussar	W. G. Nelson	Hugh D. Brown	Hussar	Thursday, on or after full moon.
131	Kitscoty	E. Drummond-Hay	Dr. J. B. Mackay	Kitscoty	First Friday, on or after full moon.
132	Craigmyle	A. W. White	E. M. Wegren	Craigmyle	Thursday, on or before full moon.
133	Manyberries	John M. Courtney	Geo. C. Saunders	Manyberries	Second Wednesday in each month.
134	Renfrew	J. E. Johnson	Jas. A. Isbister	406 Grain Exchange, Calgary	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
U.D. Alliance					 Alliance
Carson J. Kendall					 W. A. D'Arcy

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1	Bow River	295	16	11	11	8	3	12	17	...	4	289	...	6
2	Medicine Hat..	190	10	10	7	3	...	2	3	...	...	198	8	...
3	Alberta	94	3	5	4	4	...	5	4	...	...	92	...	2
4	North Star	278	9	8	7	4	2	7	6	1	4	275	...	3
5	Cascade	154	4	4	7	1	...	3	1	...	...	155	1	...
6	Spitzie	97	4	6	5	3	...	5	...	...	...	99	2	...
7	Edmonton	313	6	11	10	6	...	3	15	...	5	302	...	11
8	Innisfail	86	4	5	5	6	...	3	1	...	...	92	6	...
9	Perfection	425	18	15	15	9	3	11	...	...	2	442	17	...
10	Eureka	113	6	6	1	...	1	4	...	...	...	116	3	...
11	Acacia	177	9	5	5	2	1	3	2	...	2	182	5	...
12	Red Deer	147	7	4	4	1	...	5	...	...	...	150	3	...
13	Victoria	61	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	60	...	1
14	Jasper	192	8	6	5	1	1	3	12	1	4	182	...	10
15	Wetaskiwin ...	108	1	1	1	1	...	6	...	...	...	104	...	4
16	Mountain View.	65	2	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	68	3	...
17	Nanton	88	...	3	3	1	...	6	1	...	...	82	...	6
18	Britannia	63	4	4	4	2	...	1	...	...	...	68	5	...
19	Cornerstone ..	149	8	3	3	1	3	3	...	...	...	158	9	...
20	Carstairs	47	4	4	4	...	1	3	1	...	2	46	...	1
21	King Hiram ...	84	2	...	...	2	...	4	2	...	2	80	...	4
22	Corinthian	81	3	3	3	1	...	1	...	1	...	83	2	...
23	Calgary	294	6	8	8	7	...	15	5	...	1	286	...	8
24	Vermilion	103	4	4	4	2	...	3	...	...	2	104	1	...
25	St. John's	92	2	2	2	1	1	...	12	...	...	84	...	8
26	Sentinel	78	2	2	2	3	...	4	...	...	1	78	...	...
27	Apollo	149	6	7	8	2	...	...	...	...	...	157	8	...
28	Ashlar	263	3	3	7	3	...	22	9	1	2	235	...	28
29	Kenilworth ..	122	8	10	8	3	...	2	2	...	1	128	6	...
30	Summit	46	5	6	5	1	...	...	5	...	...	47	1	...
31	Doric	68	1	1	1	...	...	2	2	...	1	64	...	4
32	Cairo	64	3	5	5	2	...	4	...	...	...	65	1	...
33	Stavely	75	...	1	1	...	1	3	2	...	3	58	...	7
34	Star of the West	63	1	1	1	...	...	2	1	...	...	61	...	2
35	Mizpah	132	6	6	6	4	1	5	3	...	1	134	2	...
36	Gleichen	97	...	...	1	...	...	2	3	...	1	91	...	6
37	Camrose	63	4	3	2	4	1	5	1	...	...	66	3	...
38	Hope	57	4	4	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	62	5	...
39	Lethbridge	166	11	11	11	1	...	...	...	1	1	176	10	...
40	Joppa	41	1	1	...	...	...	1	2	...	1	38	...	3
41	King Solomon ..	33	2	2	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	31	...	2
42	Bowden	32	3	5	5	1	...	1	...	...	...	35	3	...
43	Tuscan	76	2	2	2	3	...	6	...	...	1	74	...	2
44	Buffalo Park ..	64	1	1	1	1	...	1	6	...	...	59	...	5
45	Ionic	47	3	3	3	...	...	3	2	...	1	44	...	3

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46	Palestine	53	2	1	1	...	1	3	...	...	...	53	...	...
47	Chinook	35	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	37	2	...
48	Crossfield	66	2	1	1	...	...	3	3	...	...	62	...	4
49	Robert Burns ..	57	10	8	4	1	...	2	3	...	...	63	6	...
50	Comet	46	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	...	...
51	Unity	435	18	24	24	9	1	4	13	...	4	442	7	...
53	Strathmore	76	1	2	2	...	...	1	3	...	...	73	...	3
54	Mount Lebanon ..	256	12	9	13	2	4	2	5	...	1	266	10	...
55	Bassano	83	3	3	3	3	2	7	7	...	1	76	...	7
56	Beaver	59	1	2	2	2	...	1	8	...	...	53	...	6
57	Grassy Lake ...	37	3	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	3	...
58	Chief Mountain ..	41	2	2	2	1	...	2	2	...	1	39	...	2
59	King George ...	271	12	12	12	10	1	5	10	1	...	278	7	...
60	Acme	62	1	...	...	2	...	3	5	...	...	57	...	5
61	Provost	81	2	2	1	...	...	1	5	...	...	77	...	4
62	Coal	26	2	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	2	...
63	Empire	150	12	6	6	2	...	...	...	...	...	164	14	...
64	Bow Island	85	4	5	5	...	...	7	...	...	...	82	...	3
65	Diamond City...	38	1	1	1	1	...	1	2	...	...	37	...	1
66	St. Andrew's ..	52	2	2	2	1	...	2	...	...	...	53	1	...
67	Charity	80	4	4	3	1	1	1	...	...	1	84	4	...
68	Edson	102	7	8	11	1	...	...	...	...	1	109	7	...
69	Connaught	33	1	1	2	...	...	2	3	...	1	28	...	5
70	Quarry	54	2	2	2	...	...	4	...	...	...	52	...	2
71	Tawatinaw	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	...	...
72	Coronation	80	3	2	3	1	1	9	3	...	...	73	...	7
73	Brooks	98	3	3	3	4	1	4	13	...	...	89	...	9
74	Vulcan	80	3	3	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	82	2	...
75	Harmony	50	3	3	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	55	5	...
76	Fidelity	72	1	2	2	...	...	1	2	...	2	68	...	4
77	Strathcona	188	8	7	10	6	2	9	...	...	1	194	6	...
78	Hanna	101	5	5	4	2	...	3	...	...	1	104	3	...
79	Morning Star ..	45	5	6	6	...	...	7	1	...	...	42	...	3
80	Excelsior	50	1	2	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	50	...	...
81	Commercial	187	9	11	12	4	1	4	3	...	...	194	7	...
82	Acadia	52	3	3	2	3	...	3	4	...	1	50	...	2
83	Zetland	218	4	2	6	5	1	8	1	...	...	219	1	...
84	Champion	58	1	2	1	...	...	2	1	...	1	55	...	3
85	Suffield	36	...	...	1	2	...	1	...	1	...	36	...	...
86	Rocky Mount'n.	53	7	7	7	1	...	...	...	...	1	60	7	...
87	Crescent	201	9	8	7	2	...	5	...	...	...	207	6	...
88	Wahpun	40	...	...	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	39	...	1
89	Peace River ...	76	7	9	10	1	...	2	...	...	...	82	6	...
90	Norwood	101	9	8	8	1	2	4	3	...	...	106	5	...
91	Patricia	419	14	17	13	10	2	14	13	...	2	416	...	3

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92	Saskatchewan ..	73	10	6	5	3	...	4	...	...	1	81	8	...
93	Symbol	142	17	19	15	1	...	...	...	...	3	157	15	...
94	Lamont	38	2	2	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	43	5	...
95	Kitchener	38	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	38	...	...
96	Dynamic	44	5	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	5	...
97	Albion	27	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	...	1
98	Hand Hill	57	2	2	2	...	...	3	...	...	1	55	...	2
99	Mount Moriah..	24	2	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	25	1	...
100	Warner	36	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	...	...
101	West Edmonton	75	16	15	13	5	...	4	2	...	...	90	15	...
102	Edgerton	37	2	2	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	39	2	...
103	Foremost	33	2	3	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	34	1	...
104	Oyen	57	2	3	1	1	...	1	9	...	...	50	...	7
105	Grande Prairie.	77	4	5	4	3	...	1	3	...	...	80	3	...
106	Lake Saskatoon	41	4	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	4	...
107	Carbon	52	5	1	1	...	...	4	...	...	...	53	1	...
108	Pyramid	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	...	...
109	Ancient Landmark..	37	3	2	2	1	...	1	...	...	1	39	2	...
110	Kilwinning	41	2	2	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	44	3	...
111	Nobleford	14	2	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	15	1	...
112	Victory	27	3	3	3	1	...	4	...	...	...	27	...	...
113	Cyprus	44	1	...	3	3	...	2	...	...	...	46	2	...
114	Westlock	30	6	6	5	3	...	1	...	...	...	38	8	...
115	Crocus	32	2	2	2	1	...	3	...	...	...	32	...	...
116	Spirit River ...	41	5	6	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	47	6	...
117	Dominion	57	7	7	7	1	...	3	4	...	...	58	1	...
118	St. Mark's	63	4	5	5	2	...	7	...	...	1	61	...	2
119	York	65	12	12	13	8	...	1	2	...	...	82	17	...
120	Monitor	40	6	6	6	...	...	2	1	...	...	43	3	...
121	Clive	18	3	2	2	...	...	2	...	...	1	18	...	...
122	Rising Sun	30	6	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	6	...
123	Rockyford	33	4	3	2	1	...	2	...	...	...	36	3	...
124	Concord	51	9	9	8	4	...	1	...	...	...	63	12	...
125	Cavell	29	3	5	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	33	4	...
126	Pembina	29	6	7	7	2	...	1	...	...	1	35	6	...
127	Granite	37	8	10	9	...	...	...	4	...	...	41	4	...
128	Forestburg	21	8	8	9	2	...	1	...	...	...	30	9	...
129	Meridian	21	5	5	3	1	...	1	...	...	1	25	4	...
130	Hussar	18	4	4	4	1	...	1	...	...	...	22	4	...
131	Kitscoty	15	11	11	9	1	...	...	...	...	...	27	12	...
U.D.	Craigmyle	...	8	8	7	21	...	...	...	...	...	29	29	...
U.D.	Manyberries	...	9	5	3	11	...	...	...	...	...	20	20	...
U.D.	Renfrew	...	...	...	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	60	...
		11738	618	611	594	323	40	363	261	7	71	12017	491	212

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Ireland	R. W. Bro. Crow Girard, Lafayette	R. W. Bro. W. E. Hail, Calgary.
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Louisiana	R. W. Bro. A. F. Pimbley, Baltimore	R. W. Bro. C. W. E. Gardiner, Macleod.
Maine	W. Bro. W. Gallagher, Saginaw	W. Bro. Robt. Pearson, Lethbridge.
Manitoba	W. Bro. E. J. Simons, St. Paul	M. W. Bro. H. C. Taylor, Edmonton.
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Michigan	R. W. Bro. G. H. Davry, Troy	W. Bro. Wm. Jaeger, Edmonton.
Minnesota	W. Bro. Earl M. Bolen, Ulysses	W. Bro. John Collison, Red Deer.
Mississippi	W. Bro. M. F. Jukes, Elko	W. Bro. F. Barnhouse, Edmonton.
Montana	W. Bro. Aaron Lawson, Edmundston	R. W. Bro. E. N. Barker, Cardston.
Montreal	R. W. Bro. B. B. Plummer, Jr., Union	V. W. Bro. W. F. W. Lent, Calgary.
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New Jersey		
New Mexico		
New South Wales		
New Zealand		

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Nova Scotia	W. Bro. F. W. Harris, Annapolis	R. W. Bro. J. Gillespie, Calgary.
Ohio	W. Bro. J. F. McClure, Columbia	R. W. Bro. S. M. Sneddon, Edmonton.
Oklahoma	R. W. Bro. Henry S. Johnston, Perry	W. Bro. G. S. Armstrong, Edmonton.
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Philippine Islands	W. Bro. G. B. McNutt, Charlottetown	W. Bro. W. E. Lord, Red Deer.
Prince Edward Island	W. Bro. W. Williamson, Montreal	R. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes, Calgary.
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South Carolina	W. Bro. H. R. J. Payne, Launceston	R. W. Bro. W. L. Ouimette, Coleman.
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Victoria	W. Bro. F. N. McCandless, Tacoma	R. W. Bro. J. N. Rankin, Calgary.
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Wyoming		

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DISTRICT No. 1

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59).

No. 1	Bow River	Calgary
No. 5	Cascade	Banff
No. 9	Perfection	Calgary
No. 23	Calgary	Calgary
No. 28	Ashlar	Calgary
No. 36	Gleichen	Gleichen
No. 41	King Solomon	Cochrane
No. 53	Strathmore	Strathmore
No. 54	Mount Lebanon	Calgary
No. 59	King George	Calgary
No. 83	Zetland	Calgary
No. 87	Crescent	Calgary
No. 118	St. Mark's	Calgary
No. 124	Concord	Calgary
No. 134	Renfrew	Calgary

DISTRICT No. 2

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. R. S. Hodge (70).

No. 2	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat
No. 35	Mizpah	Medicine Hat
No. 55	Bassano	Bassano
No. 57	Grassy Lake	Grassy Lake
No. 64	Bow Island	Bow Island
No. 70	Quarry	Redcliff
No. 73	Brooks	Brooks
No. 85	Suffield	Suffield
No. 130	Hussar	Hussar

DISTRICT No. 3

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. D. Murdoch (102).

No. 7	Edmonton	Edmonton
No. 34	Star of the West	Leduc
No. 44	Buffalo Park	Wainwright
No. 46	Palestine	Tofield
No. 51	Unity	Edmonton
No. 69	Connaught	Viking
No. 81	Commercial	Edmonton
No. 96	Dynamic	Holden
No. 97	Albion	Chauvin
No. 102	Edgerton	Edgerton
No. 112	Victory	Jarrow

DISTRICT No. 4

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson (12).

No. 8	Innisfail	Innisfail
No. 10	Eureka	Lacombe
No. 12	Red Deer	Red Deer
No. 16	Mountain View	Olds
No. 18	Britannia	Ponoka
No. 20	Carstairs	Carstairs
No. 21	King Hiram	Didsbury
No. 29	Kenilworth	Red Deer
No. 42	Bowden	Bowden
No. 48	Crossfield	Crossfield
No. 95	Kitchener	Rimbey

DISTRICT No. 5

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. R. W. Manley (15).

No. 15	Wetaskiwin	Wetaskiwin
No. 37	Camrose	Camrose
No. 43	Tuscan	Killam
No. 50	Comet	Hardisty
No. 61	Provost	Provost
No. 62	Coal	Bawlf
No. 75	Harmony	Sedgewick
No. 79	Morning Star	Loughheed
No. 80	Excelsior	Strome
No. 128	Forestburg	Forestburg
U.D.	Alliance	Alliance

DISTRICT No. 6

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. N. Nicholson (40).

No. 17	Nanton	Nanton
No. 19	Cornerstone	High River
No. 22	Corinthian	Okotoks
No. 32	Cairo	Claresholm
No. 33	Stavely	Stavely
No. 40	Joppa	Granum

DISTRICT No. 7

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. F. E. Reagh (119).

No. 4	North Star	Lethbridge
No. 31	Doric	Taber
No. 39	Lethbridge	Lethbridge
No. 58	Chief Mountain	Cardston
No. 67	Charity	Lethbridge
No. 100	Warner	Warner
No. 103	Foremost	Foremost
No. 119	York	Lethbridge
No. 133	Manyberries	Manyberries

DISTRICT No. 8

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. G. A. Passmore (86).

No. 3	Alberta	Macleod
No. 6	Spitzie	Pincher
No. 26	Sentinel	Hillcrest
No. 30	Summit	Coleman
No. 47	Chinook	Cowley
No. 86	Rocky Mountain	Blairmore

DISTRICT No. 9

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. R. W. Stowell (122).

No. 27	Apollo	Stettler
No. 45	Ionic	Alix
No. 56	Beaver	Castor
No. 72	Coronation	Coronation
No. 120	Monitor	Monitor
No. 121	Clive	Clive
No. 122	Rising Sun	Gadsby

DISTRICT No. 10

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. G. T. McGregor (110).

No. 11	Acacia	Edmonton
No. 13	Victoria	Ft. Saskatchewan
No. 24	Vermilion	Vermilion
No. 25	St. John's	Vegreville
No. 38	Hope	Manville
No. 63	Empire	Edmonton
No. 71	Tawatinaw	Athabasca
No. 90	Norwood	Edmonton
No. 94	Lamont	Lamont
No. 110	Kilwinning	Minburn
No. 117	Dominion	Edmonton
No. 131	Kitscoty	Kitscoty

DISTRICT No. 11

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. G. N. Carson (74).

No. 49	Robert Burns	Carmangay
No. 65	Diamond City	Diamond City
No. 74	Vulcan	Vulcan
No. 84	Champion	Champion
No. 108	Pyramid	Lomond
No. 111	Nobleford	Nobleford
No. 127	Granite	Blackie

DISTRICT No. 12

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Wm. Rea (14).

No. 14	Jasper	Edmonton
No. 68	Edson	Edson
No. 77	Strathcona	Edmonton
No. 91	Patricia	Edmonton
No. 92	Saskatchewan	Edmonton
No. 101	West Edmonton	West Edmonton
No. 114	Westlock	Westlock
No. 126	Pembina	Sangudo
No. 129	Meridian	Stony Plain

DISTRICT No. 13

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. P. Tomkins (88).

No. 88	Wahpun	Grouard
No. 89	Peace River	Peace River
No. 105	Grande Prairie	Grande Prairie
No. 106	Lake Saskatoon	Lake Saskatoon
No. 116	Spirit River	Spirit River

DISTRICT No. 14

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. H. M. Ball (99).

No. 78	Hanna	Hanna
No. 82	Acadia	Youngstown
No. 93	Symbol	Drumheller
No. 98	Hand Hill	Delia
No. 99	Mount Moriah	Sibbald
No. 104	Oyen	Oyen
No. 115	Crocus	Chinook
No. 123	Rockyford	Rockyford
No. 132	Craigmyle	Craigmyle

DISTRICT No. 15

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. D. G. Code (66).

No. 60	Acme	Acme
No. 66	St. Andrew's	Trochu
No. 76	Fidelity	Bashaw
No. 107	Carbon	Carbon
No. 109	Ancient Landmark	Mirror
No. 113	Cyprus	Three Hills
No. 125	Cavell	Delburne

RULINGS OF GRAND MASTERS

1. Question: In case of a Masonic trial can the Worshipful Master of a Lodge act as counsel for the defence of the accused.
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1909.
2. Question: Has a Lodge the power to levy special assessment on members besides their regular annual dues, and to suspend members for the non-payment of such assessment if they pay their regular annual dues.
Answer: The Constitution makes no provision for suspension except for non-payment of dues and for un-Masonic conduct. While Lodges may agree to assess themselves for any worthy cause they cannot suspend the delinquent for the above mentioned cause.
Proceedings, 1916.
3. Question: Is a person eligible to become a member of a Masonic Lodge by initiation who has lost the four fingers of his left hand at the third joint, leaving the hand and thumb intact.
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1916.
4. Question: Is a returned soldier eligible for initiation into the order who has lost his left arm at the shoulder.
Answer: If you have a worthy petitioner, who has lost his left arm, but who is supplied with an artificial one so that he can comply with the requirements of the work, I would favor his acceptance into Masonry.
Proceedings, 1916.
5. Question: Has a Lodge the power to withhold a Grand Lodge certificate from a newly raised brother until he passes a satisfactory examination in the third degree.
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1916.
6. Question: Can a dispensation be granted whereby the degree of Past Master might be conferred as an honor upon a Brother as a recognition of faithful service.
Answer: It is not within the power of the Grand Master to grant a dispensation to confer the Past Master's degree (honoris causa) on any Brother, however worthy he may be. The Brother can only rank as Past Master after having been elected to and faithfully performed the duties of Master of a Craft Lodge.
Proceedings, 1916.
7. Question: Can Post Cards be used for Lodge Notices.
Answer: All notices must be sent in sealed envelopes.
Proceedings, 1918.
8. A Lodge cannot refuse to consider applications for membership for any stated period. An application in proper form recommended by two Brethren and received by the Secretary of the Lodge must take its usual course. Proceedings, 1920.

9. A Lodge under dispensation cannot grant a dimit to one of its members. Proceedings, 1920.
10. An Entered Apprentice cannot purchase Life Membership in a Lodge. Proceedings, 1920.
11. Refused to grant publication of a Masonic Directory of the Province of Alberta for general distribution amongst members of the Craft. Proceedings, 1922.
12. The Worshipful Master of a Lodge has always right of access to the Secretary's books, and is responsible to Grand Lodge for their condition. Proceedings, 1922.
13. Refused to sanction the organization of a Masonic Club at a town where no Lodge was in existence. Proceedings, 1922.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

F. S. Selwood, P.G.M., Chairman.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Brethren:

Your Committee regrets that copies of the Annual Proceedings of the meetings of the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, Missouri, and Nevada held in the year 1923 have not been received prior to the preparation of this report.

It has been a matter of regret to the Committee that M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, who for so many years has discharged the duties as Chairman of this Committee so acceptably not only to the brethren of this jurisdiction but also to the Grand Correspondents throughout the world, has felt compelled, by reason of the pressure of his work as Grand Secretary and the fact that his health has not been of the best, to ask to be relieved of the pleasant duty of officially reviewing the Proceedings of the various Grand Lodges.

With a great deal of hesitation, which by the way has increased as the months have passed, the Chairman of the Committee agreed to accept the responsibility of carrying on the work so ably done by M.W. Bro. Taylor for several years past.

For a number of reasons, many personal, the Chairman felt unequal to the task of attempting so onerous a duty, and has been very pleased to be able to enlist the sympathetic assistance and co-operation of a number of brethren in this work, and the Chairman desires at this point to acknowledge to these brethren the deep sense of obligation under which the Chairman feels himself toward them for their generous assistance in preparing the report of this Committee. Our sincerest thanks are due to M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor, P.G.M.; M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, P.G.M.; M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, P.G.M.; M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, P.G.M.; R.W. Bro. Robert Pearson, P.G.C.; R.W. Bro. C. V. Bennett, P.D.D.G.M., and R.W. Bro. E. D. Crump, P.D.D.G.M.

Because of the number participating in the preparation of the report it is to be expected that no particularly defined lines of comment or criticism will be exhibited, nor can the report be closed with a statement of general conclusions deduced from a study of the activities of the various Grand Lodges as disclosed in their annual Proceedings. This undoubtedly is a weakness in the report, but we trust this may be off-set by the fact that a deepened interest in the literature of Masonry is being shared by a considerable number of the leading brethren in this jurisdiction.

In submitting our report to the brethren of foreign jurisdictions we bespeak their kind and sympathetic consideration for any lack of consistency or variance of viewpoint among those collaborating in the work.

It is planned that this method of preparing the report shall be continued for a time at least, and the hope is expressed that in the main the

results may be acceptable not only to our own brethren but to the Craft at large.

The following is a list of the Jurisdictions whose Proceedings are reviewed:

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| 1. Alabama | 31. New South Wales |
| 2. Arizona | 32. New York |
| 3. British Columbia | 33. New Zealand |
| 4. California | 34. North Carolina |
| 5. Canada (in Ontario) | 35. North Dakota |
| 6. Colorado | 36. Nova Scotia |
| 7. Connecticut | 37. Ohio |
| 8. Delaware | 38. Oklahoma |
| 9. District of Columbia | 39. Oregon |
| 10. England | 40. Pennsylvania |
| 11. Florida | 41. Philippine Islands |
| 12. Georgia | 42. Prince Edward Island |
| 13. Idaho | 43. Quebec |
| 14. Illinois | 44. Queensland |
| 15. Iowa | 45. Rhode Island |
| 16. Ireland | 46. Saskatchewan |
| 17. Kansas | 47. Scotland |
| 18. Kentucky | 48. South Australia |
| 19. Louisiana | 49. South Dakota |
| 20. Maine | 50. Tasmania |
| 21. Manitoba | 51. Texas |
| 22. Maryland | 52. Vermont |
| 23. Michigan | 53. Victoria |
| 24. Minnesota | 54. Virginia |
| 25. Mississippi | 55. Washington |
| 26. Montana | 56. West Virginia |
| 27. Nebraska | 57. Western Australia |
| 28. New Hampshire | 58. Wisconsin |
| 29. New Jersey | 59. Wyoming |
| 30. New Mexico | |

ALABAMA

The 103rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alabama was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of Montgomery, on December 5th, 1923, with M.W. Bro. Julian F. Spearman presiding. Alberta was represented by Bro. Robert Steiner.

From the Grand Master's address, it appears that the Grand Lodge of Alabama has grown to such proportions that it was necessary for him to give personally his undivided time and attention to the administration of its affairs. By so doing, he was able to personally visit practically every section of his jurisdiction and reports that universal kindness and consideration characterized his reception by the brethren on every hand.

A special appeal was made for the Alabama Masonic Home, which it appears "is functioning now better than ever before." The untold benefits that are being derived by those who are committed to its care is evidence of the wisdom of those who were instrumental in establishing the Home. As the Grand Master pointed out:

"While we, who are here assembled, are apparently in the best of health, we cannot be unmindful that death is ever present and that so soon

as we begin to live, that moment we begin to die,' and it should be regarded as a privilege to be allowed to contribute to a Home designed for the care of the loved ones of those who have been called from labor."

The Grand Secretary reported an interesting communication from the Grand Lodge of Utah, from which it appears that Masonic Lodges in Utah do not receive petitions from Mormons, either for the degrees or for affiliation, nor do they allow any Mormons who were made Masons in other jurisdictions to visit their lodges. The Grand Lodge of Utah points out the desirability of carefully investigating Utah-born material through Masonic brethren or lodges nearest the birthplace or home of such applicants.

The system of District Lectures is commended, and while the Lecturer is urged to insist upon a substantial uniformity in the work, it is rightly pointed out that, "The work is not the whole thing in Masonry, and that a portion of the time should be used in teaching the principles and symbolisms, etc., and above all, that God is our Father, and that Man is our Brother."

From the address of the Past Grand Master, James A. Bilbro, we quote the following:

"There is an effort to make it appear—it may be there are Masons who think—that Masonry does not believe or teach that God is Love; or that He is Merciful; or that He is Truth; or that He is our Almighty Father; or that He cares for us. In other words, the effort is to make it appear that Masonry, as an organization, has no conception or faith whatever as to the attribute of God.

"We believe that such doctrine is utterly repulsive to the Masonic conscience of more than ninety-nine per cent. of the Masons of our jurisdiction; but for the glory of God in Masonry, and the honor of our First Great Light in its teachings as to God, and for the integrity of our work and ceremonies, we deem it proper to express our dissent from such unholy propaganda, and to warn our brethren against its vicious and destructive influence."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is ably presented and a number of questions of deep Masonic import are discussed.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a total membership of 50,126; the net gain during the year, 2,000.

M.W. Bro. Julian F. Spearman, Montgomery, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

E. D. C.

ARIZONA

The Forty-first Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the City of Prescott from February 13th to February 15th, 1923.

Grand Master Moyers, in opening his address, says:

"The time has come after my term of service to give an account of my stewardship. Deeply sensitive of the high honor conferred upon me a year ago, it has been my earnest desire to measure up to the standard of your expectations so that when, at the end of my term in office, I turn back to you the emblem of authority which you so graciously confided to my care to deserve the encomium at your hands of 'Well done,' as, no

doubt, has been the experience of the distinguished brothers who have preceded me in this exalted position. I entered upon my duties with high hopes and great expectations of doing something worth while for Masonry in Arizona. Whether I have failed to grasp my opportunities or the opportunities did not present themselves to be grasped, I cannot say; this I know, however, that I cannot look upon this report as a brilliant achievement, but rather as the simple chronicle of events and such matters of more or less importance that have claimed the attention of your Grand Master during the past year."

That is the way we all feel on taking office, be it Grand Master or Grand Tyler; but if all can render as good an account of their stewardship as Grand Master Moyers none need feel ashamed of their work.

During the year the Grand Lodge lost two Past Grand Masters and a Past Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Master quotes:

"No sun e'er sets but rises
To make a joyous morn,
And out of all life's darkness
God's after-glow is born."

A beautiful thought.

He states that Masonry throughout the state is healthy and satisfactory. There was a net gain of 250. With Sister Grand Jurisdictions fraternal relations continue to be most cordial and harmonious.

Three new lodges were constituted, which, with the new one which he granted a dispensation to, during his term of office, was later in the proceedings granted a charter, brings the total number of chartered lodges up to 32.

The Grand Master visited all these lodges during his term of office.

He pays considerable attention in his address to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and urges upon the members of the Fraternity to contribute their full quota to this good work.

During the year a Masonic Tuberculous Home was established. This with its Masonic Home and the usual calls for relief will keep this rather small jurisdiction busy.

The Grand Lodge has an excellent start on an Endowment Fund, but the Grand Master in his address states that in several of the delinquent lodges the interest in this fund has "seemed to lapse." To me it seems pretty ambitious for this jurisdiction of about 5,000 members to raise a fund of \$100,000, about \$20 per capita; yet seven lodges have paid their full allotment and four have overpaid, and only one lodge has paid nothing.

The question is raised as to whether Masons should be permitted to join the Ku Klux Klan. It is squarely put by the words "I submit the question of whether membership in the Ku Klux Klan is permissible to members of the Craft under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Arizona for a ruling in the premises. Renewed activities in the Northwestern part of the state on the part of the Klan render a decision necessary at this time in order that the Masters of lodges within whose jurisdiction the activities occur may be governed accordingly."

This was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and this committee in its report says: "We approve the action of the Grand Master with reference to the Ku Klux Klan."

That is all. They sidestep the direct question completely.

The action or rather policy of the Grand Master is one of "Wait and see." He uses these words: "I have given the question careful consideration and in my judgment the best policy seemed to be one of passive resistance, or at least 'hands off' until the so-called Klan had had an opportunity to demonstrate that it was inimical to Masonry, or the fact that a Mason by reason of his membership in the Klan, if such did exist, was thereby bringing the fraternity into disrepute."

I am afraid that this organization will prove a very serious thorn in the side of Masonry. The Grand Master truly says: "Masonry is constitutionally opposed to mob violence or unlawful acts of any kind and her attitude as relates to Law and Order too well known to need defining."

We have many enemies who are only too anxious to drag our good name down into the mire, and it behooves every member of the fraternity to be ever watching so that nothing he should do would bring discredit to the Craft. An ounce of prevention is often worth many pounds of cure and a right decision may save not only members but the Craft from disrepute.

Under the head of opinions and decisions I agree with him except in one or two instances. He rules that a man who has lost his left foot above the ankle and wears an artificial foot cannot be made a Mason. I think that the great majority of decisions are that the test is can the candidate receive from and communicate to others the mysteries of Freemasonry and can he acquire the means of subsistence.

I would imagine that such a candidate would have less difficulty proving himself than would one who is afflicted with a severe case of stammering or stuttering, who he rules is eligible.

The Grand Master also decides that a man who is married to a woman of questionable character cannot be stopped from advancement. I agree with him that such should not prevent him from advancement, but I do not altogether agree with the reason he gives—that "the time to stop him was at the ballot-box when his petition for the degrees was balloted upon."

I have not the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Arizona at hand, so cannot tell whether such is dealt with in it, but many constitutions require a separate ballot for each degree, and if no separate ballot is required then before advancement any brother has the right to demand a ballot.

A man after initiation may prove wholly unfit for advancement, and, if there is not, there should be provision in the Constitution of every Grand Lodge for refusing him advancement.

I do not think that because a man is unfortunate in his selection of a wife this should keep him out of our Order. It is the character of the man not that of his wife which should be most carefully scrutinized. Legend tells us that the great Socrates was a Mason, and he was most unfortunate in his selection of a life partner.

In the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence this ruling of the Grand Master was not approved. Under their constitution this committee say that objections can be made at any time by any brother. This is as it should be.

There is no printed report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

This is very much to be regretted. I take it that it cannot be from any desire to economize, as no less than 95 pages of the Proceedings is used in printing the names of all the members of the Craft in the state. In my opinion this comes pretty near to a waste of good money.

The Grand Lodge at its Annual Meeting was visited by its Grand Representative near the United Grand Lodge of England—Sir Gilbert Parker. The distinguished author and brother addressed the Grand Lodge on a subject of interest to the fraternity.

For the ensuing year Sidney Sapp is Grand Master and George James Roskrug was re-elected Grand Secretary.

H. C. T.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Fifty-second Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall in the City of New Westminster, on June 21, 1923. M.W. Bro. Andrew McC. Creery, Grand Master.

Emergent communications were held during the year for the purpose of laying the cornerstones of the Memorial Hall in the City of Nelson and of the new Masonic Temple to be erected in the City of Kamloops.

The Grand Master, in the course of his annual address, has the following to say with regard to the misuse of the ballot. Unfortunately brethren of other jurisdictions frequently suffer from the same cause.

"While evidence of kindest Masonic feeling and brotherly love was generally apparent in the lodges I visited, it is to be regretted that in a few lodges the spirit of harmony which should characterize all true Freemasons was not always to be found, but I was convinced that time will heal any differences that may have arisen. To the faithful brethren in these lodges I would say, be of good courage, be patient; let your lives breathe forth the spirit of kindness with which the true Craftsman is impregnated, and by degrees the leaven of uncharitableness will be driven out. The misuse of the Black Ball is sometimes the cause of discord in a lodge. While Freemasonry is such a precious thing that extreme care should be taken that no unworthy petitioner be admitted from the ranks of the profane, yet a double injury is done when for no true Masonic reason, but perhaps from personal spite, suitable material is rejected; an injustice is done the applicant, but in my opinion a still greater injury is self-inflicted by a member upon himself when he so far forgets the teaching of the Craft as to commit the mean and cowardly act of stabbing an innocent victim in the dark."

From a long list of rulings given by M.W. Bro. Creery, we have selected the following:

(6). "Petitioner reported on favourably by Character Committee, balloted for and accepted in open lodge, objection laid before Worshipful Master prior to initiation: Ruled that Worshipful Master must declare petitioner rejected; that the Character Committee need not be consulted, nor objections placed before them; and that the name of objector or objectors should not be laid before the lodge. The objector need not give his reasons to the Worshipful Master."

(13). "If at the request of his lodge an E.A. is to be passed to the F.C. degree in another lodge, and if, after his name has appeared in the notice calling the meeting at which the degree is proposed to be conferred, he is unable to be present, his name must again appear on the notice, or notices, until he present himself for the degree."

(15).—1. "Is a Brother considered in good standing who has received a dimit and has carried it around for a period of say one, two or three years, and has not affiliated in any lodge during this period, perhaps intentionally, or otherwise, and consequently not paid dues anywhere? Answer: Yes.

2. Would such a Brother have the privilege of visiting any lodge under these circumstances? Answer: Yes. He may claim the privilege of visiting twice. If allowed to visit after that it is by grace of the lodge.

3. "Would such a Brother be in good standing indefinitely? Answer: Yes.

4. "What is the standing of a member who at one time belonged to two lodges and through force of circumstances allowed himself to be suspended in one lodge, and on the other hand has always kept himself in good standing in the other lodge? Is the Brother under such circumstances entitled to visit outside lodges? Answer to first question: He is suspended in both lodges. Answer to second: No.

(17). Question: On what Book should a Hebrew candidate be obligated to make the obligation binding as it should be? Answer: While not agreeing that an obligation taken by a Hebrew on the Old and New Testament bound together would not be binding upon him, I think that in deference to his religious views the obligation should be taken on the Old Testament only."

He has the following to say with regard to uniformity of Work in this Grand Jurisdiction:

"Despite the want of encouragement that has greeted the suggestions of Grand Masters in the past that something should be done towards setting standards for the 'Work' in this Jurisdiction, I venture once more to bring this subject before Grand Lodge, recommending the appointment of a committee, say of nine brethren, to prepare and submit to the next session of Grand Lodge standards for the three Rituals, one of which Grand Lodge decided in 1893, all lodges thereafter inaugurated should be required to select and work, viz.: The English, as practised by Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1; the Scottish, as practised by Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, and the Canadian, as practised by Cascade Lodge, No. 12.

"Though I am quite ready to admit that the *lessons*, and not the *form* in which they are taught, should more largely engage our attention, yet my experience in travelling from lodge to lodge forces me to the conclusion that the time has arrived when standards should be set, not only to prevent lodges already in existence from further drifting apart in their rendition of the various rituals, but also to render it possible to place appropriate standards in the hands of the officers of lodges under Dispensation, for their guidance."

We quote from the conclusion of his address, the following:

"Freemasonry is one of the great stabilizing powers in the state. It stands for law and order, as also for the practice of the Golden Rule—to do unto others as we would they should do unto us. It sees a deeper meaning in everything; it feels and adores the higher destination of

man'; 'it sees in nature the finger of the Eternal Master,' 'tongues in trees, books in running brooks, sermons in stones and good in everything.' But for all this Freemasonry is not a religion. It is not concerned with dogma or creed. The ancient landmarks, as given in our Book of Constitutions, require only a belief in the existence of God, and in the resurrection to a future life. But religion—the tie that binds the creature to the Creator—should be supported by Freemasons. The Church, standing as it does for all that ennobles life—brotherly love, the natural consequence of divine love, the sanctity of the home—Integrity and Truth—should have Freemasons ranged behind it as ardent supporters. Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Naval Lad Brigades, and all such kindred movements, drawing out the best that is in our young people and teaching them good citizenship, should also be supported by the Craft. But it must be remembered that Freemasonry works, like leaven, in a quiet way; it does good by stealth, it is like the reinforcing steel, which, while stabilizing the structure, remains itself out of sight."

A special committee, appointed at the previous communication to report and plan for the extension of the usefulness of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, submitted an exhaustive report. The following provision was made for increasing the capital sum. It reads as follows:

"That each constituent lodge shall for a period of five years commencing the 1st day of January, 1924, pay into Grand Lodge, in addition to the amount now payable for each candidate initiated the sum of Four Dollars (\$4.00), and that such additional amounts shall be placed in their entirety to the credit of the Benevolent Fund; and for the purpose of still further increasing the capital sum to a desired amount, that Grand Lodge earnestly request every Master Mason of this Jurisdiction to contribute a voluntary offering of ten dollars (\$10.00) to the Benevolent Fund, payable at his option any time during the next five years."

V W. Bro. W. A. De Wolf-Smith presents an interesting report on Foreign Correspondence, covering 132 pages, of which four were devoted to an interesting review of our Proceedings for 1922.

Total membership, 12,093; net increase, 997.

S. Y. T.

CALIFORNIA

The Seventy-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California was held in Masonic Temple, San Francisco, on October 9th, 1923, M.W. Brother Wm. A. Sherman presiding.

The message of the Grand Master is an inspiring one, full of interest to the brethren in his jurisdiction and breathing a message of hope and encouragement to Masons everywhere.

We congratulate the Grand Master on performing what appears to us the almost impossible work of visiting individually or collectively 350 lodges during his term of office, out of a total of 484 in his jurisdiction. Eighteen public ceremonies, chiefly for the laying of cornerstones of Masonic Temples and public schools, were conducted. During his year, the Grand Master travelled over 27,000 miles, this including a trip to the Hawaiian Islands, the account of which forms an interesting part of the address. We quote as follows:

"Grand Lodge today begins its seventy-fifth year of constructive work in California. The seventy-fourth Annual Communication is now open. Nearly three-quarters of a century of progressive endeavour lies behind us. It is a record that should thrill each member of the Craft with justifiable pride. Year by year since that memorable meeting in 1850, our Masonic edifice has grown in strength and beauty. The stones of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth have been used to erect our structure. It is therefore established on a permanent foundation. Its possibilities for the future are unlimited. This is emphasized by the success attendant upon our endeavours during the last twelve months. Although our nation and state have passed through economic and political turmoil in the last year, California Masonry has pursued the even tenor of its way, steadily advancing in membership and strength. It has been a year of splendid activity and harmonious relationships.

"At the present time there are 484 lodges, either duly constituted or working under dispensation, which number on their rolls more than one hundred thousand carefully selected men. During the year dispensation have been given for the formation of 38 new lodges, the largest number in the history of the Grand Lodge of California."

The Grand Master emphasized the importance of education and with that object in view explained the reasons for directing the observance of a School Week and a Constitution Week during his term of office.

Fitting steps were taken to keep in memory the founder of Masonry in California, Peter Lassen, whose grave is located at Susanville. A striking feature of the careful thought and attention to duty shown by the Grand Master during his term of office was the issuing of several bulletins on various aspects of Masonry. We have read these bulletins with great interest and profit and congratulate the Grand Master on this feature of his work.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows the membership as at July 31st, 1923, at 100,283, an increase for the year of 7,104. Thirty-five new lodges were formed. We regret to notice the long list of matters pertaining to trials, which number, we believe, fifty-one.

The annual oration was delivered by the Grand Orator, W. Bro. John L. McNab. We also wish to notice the eulogy delivered by Dr. Jacob Nieto, which is one of the most interesting parts of the report. The fundamentals required for the recognition of Foreign Grand Jurisdictions are defined.

An excellent report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by Bro. Jesse M. Whited, this being prepared in the topical form and shows that a great amount of work has been given to its preparation.

M.W. Bro. Arthur S. Crites, Bakersfield, Grand Master.

V.W. Bro. John Whicher, Masonic Temple, San Francisco,
Grand Secretary.

Next meeting at Los Angeles, October 8th, 1924.

C. V. B.

CANADA (IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO)

The Sixty-eighth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the City of Toronto on Wednesday, July 18th, 1923, M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, Grand Master.

The cornerstones of the new Masonic Temple, at Anglehart, the Cottage Hospital at Pembroke, and the new Methodist Church at Stockdale, were laid by the M.W. the Grand Master or his representative during the year.

Addresses of welcome were extended by his Worship the Mayor of the City of Toronto, and also by a representative of the ruling Masters of the lodges of the City of Toronto.

The following distinguished brethren were welcomed to this Annual Communication:

M.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge, P.G.M. of Alberta

M.W. Bro. Dudley H. Farrell, Grand Master of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

R.W. Bro. Ramsay, Grand Treasurer of Massachusetts.

M.W. Bro. the Rt. Honorable Lord Amptill, Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England.

M.W. Bro. Beitler, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

R.W. Bro. Goodyear, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Grand Master Ponton has apparently been an extensive visitor during the year. In this connection he says:

"The reception of your Grand Master as your representative and ambassador, by the Masons of New York, of Massachusetts, of Pennsylvania, of Maine, of Rhode Island, of Connecticut, of New Jersey, of New Hampshire, and of those many other states from Texas to Washington, whom I met as fellow guests at the Communications and banquet board, was most cordial and gratifying, and I have realized as never before, of what fine calibre and character, how near in kinship and in aim, how congenial in spirit, how actively friendly, how warmly fraternal, are those 2,700,000 virile Masons of the United States, our allies and neighbors, who have formed an everlasting compact with us to pitch our tents hereafter in the pleasant plains of peace. The metre may not be perfect, but the sentiment of the following verses is:

"Let politicians talk their fill,
And papers print what papers will,
The common folk on either side
Of the invisible divide—
Canadian, United States—
Are providential working mates.
Now on our lengthened border-line
We give but one glad countersign—
Be it the same till time shall end—
This: "Who goes there?" "A friend!" "A friend!"
And let us to all nations prove
That nations can as brothers love."

"And with a wider sweep and International Anglo-Saxon vision, Alfred Noyes writes:

"Black night and threatening weather;
Bare poles and canvas furled;
Pull hard, and pull together
If you would save the world.
They break the word they plighted.
Let ours be doubly true;
For half the world united
Can make the world anew."

The following statistics give some indication of the growth of this Grand Lodge since its inception:

Grand Lodge of Canada					
Year	No. of Districts	No. of Lodges	No. of Members	Total Assets	Grants of Benevolence
1855	7	41	No Record	No Record	No Record
1865	10	179	No Record	\$ 16,000	\$ 330
1875	13	288	15,934	59,000	5,605
1885	13	356	18,983	68,000	9,800
1895	18	351	22,805	86,575	9,396
1905	21	391	34,965	137,017	13,940
1915	23	445	58,983	206,146	34,745
1922	28	527	94,500	400,573	82,000
1923	28	537	100,000	425,000	91,000

"Not included in above is the Belgian Relief Fund, collected and paid to the King of the Belgians in 1915—\$42,232.96."

With regard to secrecy of the ballot, etc., he says:

"There is a chorus of complaint as to the violation of secrecy and the leakage of transactions of the lodges through divided allegiance and through thoughtlessness. Many of the gentle, philanthropic and altogether charming ladies of the Eastern Star know within 24 hours who have been balloted for, what is the fate of candidates, and what the discussions at the meetings. It is not the fault of the ladies, who do not pry and probe, it is the men who unbosom themselves, and who must be disciplined. Brethren, again let it be repeated officially from the Throne that members of the Eastern Star, or any other female Order, dear as they are to us as our kith and kin—are not and never can be Masons—and that males who associate themselves in office with them, in their capacity as Masons and who are chosen as such by reason of their being in good standing in the Third Degree—which no one outside the Craft has the right to know—are defying the edict of this Grand Lodge passed at its last annual Communication. This applies to all other organizations (not recognized by this Grand Lodge) who make Masonry itself the open test and condition of membership and of office. We are and always have been an exclusive Sovereign Jurisdiction as to our members, but we neither presume nor desire to interfere with our members in their outside personal relationships with the world or any other organization that is respectable and lawful. We cheerfully accord appreciative praise to many of these bodies for their splendid philanthropies and social service. All we Masons say is 'please let us alone!' With the help of God, we are sufficient unto ourselves, and furnish within our lodges, ladders and channels of service, light and delight, a cornucopia of human happiness to the company of glad folk who monthly assemble within our hospitable and companionable portals."

The following extracts from his comprehensive address will be of interest to our readers:

"While speaking of the Board of General Purpose, it may not be amiss to refer to the Committee of General Purposes of the Constituent Lodge. There is a growing tendency (especially in Toronto) to vest too much power in this committee and to transact business therein that properly belongs to and should be discussed in open lodge. It was never, for instance, intended that this whole committee should be the investigating committee on character and standing of applicants—to be appointed by the Master in open lodge—and charged with a special and double

responsibility—first to the lodge and second (and not a negligible one) to the petitioner who knocks at our well tiled door. Neither was it ever intended that this select and administrative and auxiliary Committee of General Purposes should be a Committee of the whole and should consist of all the Master Masons of the lodge. This defeats the very object of its existence, and in resultant experience, is not truly democratic, for I have observed that the work continues to be done by a few month by month, and this tends to bureaucracy. The well worn way of experience, brethren, is the best—a fair sized and responsible committee of present and past officers in conjunction with a representation of well seasoned Master Masons not in office."

"Every lodge should have a bookshelf and a Historian. A Library is the university of later life. In Toronto there is the John Ross Robertson Library of 2,000 volumes, an asset of the whole Craft. Use it, and call wisdom thy sister. The History of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, published this year, is an example of what an indefatigable Biographer (R.W. Bro. H. T. Smith) and rich material, can provide."

"The estimable practice of presenting to the young Master Mason a copy of the volume of the Sacred Law appropriately inscribed, is being generally adopted, and should be universal. It will be treasured and handed down as a precious heirloom, and read as it should be by all Masons as a great repository of symbolism, of poetry, music, truth and inspiration. The Bible was the loom on which our language was woven—and is the best antidote to the Hymns of Hate of the Anarchists and those who take liberties with liberty, and the negations of the 'stupid atheist and irreligious libertine.' It helps us as does Freemasonry, to open

'Our eyes to see the unseen in the seen,
The vision of the worker in his work.'"

We quote from the interesting address of Pro Grand Master Amphill the following:

"Most Worshipful Grand Master, our feeling in England is simply this: I think I can put it in two sentences; the Craft is a great and growing organization and since the objects of the Craft are the greatest good of our fellow creatures, we ought to make more use of all the potential power which must reside in an organization which is spread all over the globe and is held together by a discipline which does not rest on force or fear, but on unity of thought, and of heart; and we do think that anything which is of a good tendency, which has good objects and which united men in the same high ideals throughout the British Empire must be a force tending to consolidate and to bind closer the ties which unite us in the British Empire."

S. Y. T.

COLORADO

The Sixty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Colorado met in the Masonic Temple, Denver, on September 18th, 1923, and was opened by M.W. Brother Edward P. Hufferd, Grand Master. Alberta was represented by Bro. W. S. Pickerill, of Durango.

A large number of local matters are dealt with in the Grand Master's address, which is able to report the general condition of the Craft as very good. Lodges generally are in a healthy condition and the membership in each increasing except in a few cases. We quote from the closing paragraphs of the address:

"The future needs the best effort and thought of the entire Fraternity. The spirit of unrest abroad in the world—the tendency toward change and innovation is manifesting itself in some lodges, and, in my opinion, not to their credit. The closer we adhere to the traditions and teachings which have made Freemasonry great, the better will the experience and history of the years to come. Let us hold fast to the achievements of our ancient brethren and guard well the portals against unworthy applicants. Prosperity and well-being are not manifested by great increase in membership alone, but in the quality of manhood and love for our avowed purposes, shown by those whom we acclaim as brothers.

"There will be little need for innovations and for new attractions in our lodges if we shall keep close to the practice of our professions and devote our energies to the attainment of a full understanding and exemplification of the ideals we profess; even if we fail in some measure, a sincere attempt will meet its sure reward. I am not an alarmist, and I do not share in the cry that is going up in some quarters of dangers from without. The future is secure if we look well to our duties within."

The Grand Secretary reports 139 lodges with a membership of 29,201, a net gain of 1,174.

An interesting report is that of the special committee on the size of lodges, a matter that is calling for attention in several American Grand Jurisdictions. Alberta, up to the present, has not been troubled with these "growing pains." The committee, after mature consideration, decided that it would be unwise to recommend the adoption of any by-law limiting the membership of lodges.

The oration was delivered by R.W. Bro. John Andrew, Grand Orator, and though comparatively brief, contains much for thought and consideration and affords a good exposition of the principles of Masonry.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances had only three matters to deal with.

A good review of the Proceedings of foreign jurisdictions is presented by the committee of which Bro. Stanley C. Warner was chairman. The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta for 1922 are noticed and apparently approved. Comment is made on the fact that the Canadian Rite and the Ancient York Rite are both exhibited in this jurisdiction.

M.W. Brother Jesse C. Wiley, Del Norte, Grand Master.

R.W. Brother William W. Cooper, Denver, Grand Secretary.

C. V. B.

CONNECTICUT

The One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple at the City of Hartford, on February 7th and 8th, A.D. 1923, M.W. Bro. Frank L. Wilder, G.M., presiding.

Alberta was represented by Bro. S. Ernest Downs.

The Grand Master's address is a business-like and well-worded account of his acts as Grand Master, including a summary of the reports of the various District Deputy Grand Masters. The Grand Master reported several decisions, none of which were of outstanding importance. The

approval of the Order of the DeMolay is expressed and this Order is recommended to the Masons of Connecticut for their support. The Grand Master circularized the District Deputies under date of May 25th, 1922, with reference to the Ku Klux Klan movement. We quote as follows:

"While it is the privilege of any Mason to join any organization as long as he does not violate the law of the land or his duty as a Mason, you will say to the lodges that the Grand Master deeply deplores any attempt to connect the oldest and greatest fraternity in the world with this so-called 'Klan' and that all Masons are cautioned against having any relation or connection as such with the Ku Klux Klan."

The review of other Grand Lodges prepared by M.W. Bro. Kies, P.G.M., is interesting and instructive, Alberta being among the foreign Grand Lodges reviewed.

Total membership, 39,689; net gain, 1,832.

F. S. S.

DELAWARE

The 118th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware was held in the Masonic Temple, Wilmington, on October 3rd, 1923, with M.W. Brother Charles A. Bamberger, Grand Master, presiding. Eighteen Past Grand Masters were also in attendance. Alberta was represented by Bro. Geo. B. Hynson. Twenty-one lodges out of twenty-two in the jurisdiction were represented.

The Grand Master was able to report that he had visited officially every lodge in the jurisdiction.

We notice that a Lodge of Instruction is held weekly at Masonic Temple, Wilmington, for work and instruction, except during the summer months. This plan is practicable in a compact state like Delaware and must simplify matters very much for the Grand Master.

As is usual in American Grand Jurisdictions, considerable space is given in the Grand Master's address to the several philanthropic schemes of the Order.

A revision of the Funeral Ritual has been made, as we notice has been the case in several other jurisdictions.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a membership of 5,715, a net gain of 140 for the year.

Alberta is given two pages of review, the Grand Lodge proceedings of 1922 and 1923 being included. Liberal selections are given from the reports of Grand Master Young and Grand Master Selwood. The introductions of the questionnaire as adopted by Alberta in 1922 met with approval.

The next Communication is to be held at Masonic Temple, Wilmington, on October 2nd, 1924.

M.W. Brother Edward C. Cooch, Wilmington, Grand Master.

R. W. Brother John F. Robinson, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

C. V. B.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The 113th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the City of Washington on December 19, 1923.

Grand Lodge held two stated Communications during the year, the first of which, in March, was devoted to an exemplification of the degrees, the second one in May, apparently for the dispatch of business, which no doubt reduces the work of the Annual Communication.

At this stated Communication the Jurisprudence Committee reported on several matters referred to it, one being a recommendation made by Grand Master Coombs in 1922, that a question be added to the form of petition, to the effect that a petitioner must give a list of his membership in other fraternal societies. The committee did not concur, saying "that if investigating committees do their full duties, all information as to an applicant's membership in any other order or society will be developed and such use of it as may be necessary will be made by the committee." But there is the whole trouble; investigating committees do not always "do their full duty." In fact, Grand Masters for years have been harping on the fact that our portals cannot be too strictly guarded, and for good reason. However, the committee adds that they think "such knowledge in advance might cause a committee to refrain from making that full and independent investigation which is so necessary in all cases, no matter to what other order or society the applicant may belong."

A proposed amendment to the Constitution, apparently to regulate the time and manner of the Grand Master's official visitations to the constituent lodges, did not receive the approval of the committee, and for good reason, in that it would interfere with the prerogative inherent in the office of the Grand Master, which could not be properly circumscribed in any respect by Grand Lodge action. The committee was supported in their views by the Grand Lodge at their Annual Communication. The Grand Master's authority in the governing of the Craft is well nigh absolute, and it is in this happy combination of absolute authority, with the utmost in brotherly democracy, that enables Freemasonry to flourish among men.

They also had a resolution referred to them as follows:

"That it is the sense of the Grand Lodge duly installed Masters of constituent lodges in this jurisdiction are entitled to sit in a lodge of actual Past Masters."

It appears from the report that the practice has been in this Grand Jurisdiction to recognize the Past Master's degree of the Royal Arch Chapter for the purpose of installation requirements of the Master-elect of a symbolic lodge, which is of interest. However, that did not affect the question, as the committee says it was whether a sitting Master was entitled to sit in a lodge of Past Masters. They ruled that he was, in which they were upheld by the Grand Lodge.

There is a long and interesting report on the Masonic Employment Bureau. It appears that this department of the work has been allowed to drop for a time. The report urges the reorganization of the bureau and making a fresh start. A study of their plan and ideas is worth while. Bearing in mind the compact jurisdiction the Grand Lodge governs, their plan could be applied in any city having a number of lodges holding concurrent jurisdiction. It would be of great value to the members of the Craft and in very many cases relieve the heavy strain on the relief fund of the lodges.

Another report of interest is one on the procedure for examining and investigating committees. The committee rightly objects to the promulgation of formal instructions committed to paper for the use of committees examining visitors, remarking that if care is taken in the appointment of such committees, those not entitled to admission have but a slight chance to pass within. The only criticism they offer is the way in which committees are frequently selected and suggest that the Masters of lodges give this matter their special attention.

The committee are also opposed to fixed and invariable methods being adopted by committees of investigation, a point well taken. Every application is individual and must be judged on its merits. The suggestions made by the committee are valuable.

This Grand Lodge has in hand an ambitious project of no small dimensions, that is the construction of a Masonic Temple on the site known as Temple Heights, the stock to be owned and controlled only by Masonic and "Allied Bodies." As all the constituent lodges of this jurisdiction are close together with practically identical interest, all equally concerned in the home of Grand Lodge, the project should carry through to a successful issue.

The address of the Grand Master, Bro. Mark F. Finley, is a very full and complete resume of his work during the year: The Grand Master and Grand Lodge evidently maintain close touch with all branches of Masonry and "Allied Bodies." The Grand Master makes special mention of the convention held in Washington by one of these bodies and also of a formal reception at another gathering which included the executive heads of "the other Grand Masonic bodies of this jurisdiction."

He also gives favorable notice of the Masonic Service Association, a conference of Grand Masters held after the laying of the cornerstone of the George Washington Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia, and also of the Masonic Relief Association.

One association which is a feature of this jurisdiction is the Masters' Association, composed of the Masters of the lodges in the jurisdiction and I suppose the Past Masters. It does much valuable work, takes special interest in the Masonic Home, for which they raise a large yearly sum through the medium of the "National Game" and by maintaining close contact between the lodges, make this jurisdiction a compact force of Masonry.

The Grand Master also commends the Acacia Mutual Life Association, an insurance society, to the goodwill of the Craft. This is an institution that apparently confines its business solely to the members of the fraternity.

The Grand Master ruled that an applicant with a serious physical disability should not be accepted, although the disability was incurred in the service of his country. While no exception can be taken to the ruling made in this case, the reason given is: "That it is not within the prerogative of the Grand Master to modify or set aside the law governing physical qualifications." It is evident that many Grand Masters believe that the dispensatory powers of the supreme office are just for that purpose and use them accordingly, that justice may be done and the Craft benefited thereby.

A complete Masonic directory of the lodges, their officers and members, with those reinstated, affiliated, dimitted and suspended, take up 229 pages of the Proceedings. Just why Grand Lodge should publish the

Craft membership to the world has always been a puzzle to me. There are so many obvious objections to it.

There is a biographical sketch of the Grand Master, F. M. Finley, at the end of his term of office—why not at his installation? It would be such a real introduction to the Craft of the jurisdiction that it would give every brother a knowledge of his Grand Master that it would make him feel he had a personal acquaintance with. Coming at the end of his work, the introduction is rather late. There is a fine engraving of this keen-eyed brother as a frontispiece, which embellishes the volume.

The correspondence section is ably edited by Bro. Geo. W. Baird, P.G.M. Alberta and M.W. Bro. Selwood are favorably mentioned. He refers to the gratifying report of the librarian on the demand for books.

Charles F. Roberts, Grand Master; Arvine W. Johnston, Grand Secretary, Washington, D.C. Total membership, 21,132; net increase, 1,146.

J. H. W. S. K.

ENGLAND

Quarterly Communications of this Grand Lodge were held on March 7, June 6, September 5 and December 5, 1923.

The third quarterly Communication was held at St. George's Hall, Liverpool. This is the first time in the history of organized English Masonry that a quarterly communication has been held outside of the City of London.

"In accordance with the resolution of Grand Lodge, adopted unanimously and with enthusiasm at the Quarterly Communication on March 7th, there was presented to R.W. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of York, K.G., Senior Grand Warden, W.M. Navy Lodge, No. 2612, on the occasion of his marriage, a Wedding Gift from the United Grand Lodge of England, with the expression of loyal and sincere congratulation to His Royal Highness and the Duchess of York, and of earnest good wishes for their long continued happiness. At the wish of His Royal Highness, the presentation took the form of a massive silver tray, dated 1813, by Paul Storr, having a special family interest, as it originally belonged to the first Duke of Cambridge, the bridegroom's great grandfather."

At the June Communication His Royal Highness the Duke of York was invested as Senior Grand Warden.

It was proposed "to rescind the resolution of March 1, 1916, relating to Masons of enemy country birth; that resolution to cease to operate against any individual brother when the lodge or lodges to which he belongs shall pass an unanimous resolution of reinstatement." This resolution was vigorously opposed by the president of the Board of General Purposes and was defeated by Grand Lodge.

M.W. Rt. Honorable Lord Amptill, Pro Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Treasurer and other Grand Lodge officers, visited the Grand Lodge of Canada (in the Province of Ontario), during its Annual Communication and also invested the District Grand Master at St. Johns, Newfoundland.

The report of the Board of General Purposes presented at the September meeting contains several interesting clauses which apply with equal force to other Grand Jurisdictions as well as that of England.

"The Board has had its attention drawn to the many enquires received by the Grand Secretary from Secretaries of Private Lodges requesting guidance with respect to the presentation of Master Masons' Certificates. The Board is of opinion that such certificates should be presented in open Lodge, and signed at the Secretary's table. In exceptional circumstances, and on application of the Brother entitled to it, the certificate may be sent to him by registered post, with a request that he immediately acknowledge its receipt, and appends his signature to the certificate in the space provided.

"A number of Lodges have received copies of an address, given under the auspices of a Masonic body not recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England, having reference to a matter which is one of international politics. The circulation of such a document in our Lodges is a violation of the immemorial and invariable rule of English Freemasonry to take no part in affairs of State, whether national or international; and the Board trusts that all such attempts at political propaganda among Masons as such will cease.

"The Board once more appeals to Brethren generally to take every means in their power to discountenance the use of advertisement in any form in connection with the Craft. It repeats the conviction that it is in the highest degree undesirable that endeavours should be made in this way to secure personal, professional, or sectional advantage, while any attempted association of Masonry with business development is always to be deplored. In this connection it would emphatically deprecate the exhibition in public of Masonic Certificates, which are sometimes shown on business premises for what can only be considered trade purposes.

"There of late has been brought to the knowledge of the Board an increase in the practice of circulating among leading brethren in various parts of the country begging letters professing to be issued by Masons in distressed circumstances, and even going to the length of enclosing promissory notes already stamped, seeking for immediate pecuniary aid. In one instance which has been investigated, the writer of such a letter had an account open at the bank on which the note was drawn; and the Board suggests that in all such cases the brethren appealed to should at once forward the communication to the Grand Secretary, as this would be the means of stopping a practice which, in an especial degree, is derogatory to Freemasonry."

The president of the Board expressed his pleasure at the increased amount of interest displayed by the brethren in the collection of books, documents and other material connected with the Craft, which are displayed in the library and museum at Freemasons' Hall, and the steady growth in the number, not only of visitors, but of systematic students who now present themselves for admission.

The sum of two thousand guineas was contributed from the fund of benevolence to the relief of distresses caused by the earthquake in Japan.

Recognition was granted to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, but was refused to the Grand Lodge of Spain at Barcelona and to the Grand Lodge of Roumania at Bukarest.

S. Y. T.

FLORIDA

The Ninety-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Florida was held at Jacksonville in January, 1923.

Alberta's Grand Representative, Bro. R. Harry Cooper, was present.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Charles H. Ketchum, in his annual address makes a strong plea for the support of the public schools. He refused to lay the cornerstone of a church because in that particular instance he found that upon his arrival the building was more than half completed. Fourteen cornerstones in all were laid during the year, including those of churches, university buildings, high schools, government buildings, Masonic Temples and the Scottish Rite Cathedral. He makes particular reference to the fact that the Grand Lodge of Florida had not endorsed and had no official knowledge of the Heilbronn Springs Sanatorium Association at Starke, Florida. He mentions this owing to the fact that he had received numerous inquiries from brethren within and outside of his own jurisdiction in reference to application from this association for money.

Regarding the reports of the District Deputies he says, in part:

"Inasmuch as these reports are for the information of the Grand Master, and that the District Deputies are his special representatives in their particular districts, I deem it inadvisable, having received their reports, to publish same in the Annual Proceedings, as any of the subject matter contained therein which is of interest to the Craft will be contained in the Report of the Grand Master."

Under the heading of "Decisions" he voices the time-honored complaint of Grand Masters that if the officers of subordinate lodges generally would make themselves better acquainted with the Constitution there would be much less work for the Grand Master in giving decisions. We note the same point was raised by our own Grand Master Murray in his annual address at Medicine Hat in June, 1924.

Re the expenditure of lodge moneys on Masonic Purposes, he holds that "Masonic Purposes" would cover almost anything that was to be used for the benefit of charity, but makes an exception of the Y.M.C.A. in this connection.

A member of one of the subordinate lodges confessed to the lodge that he had two living wives, had been arrested and was in jail. The lodge wished to know if they could take his confession and assess the penalty or must the regular form of trial be gone through with. The Grand Master held that they would have to proceed with the trial in the regular way.

A subordinate lodge inquired if they could while open in the Masters Degree bring into the lodge the wives and daughters of Masons and confer on them the "Wives and Daughters Degree." The Grand Master ruled that they could not. He said there were no side degrees in Masonry and that if the wives, daughters or widows of Master Masons were desirous of joining a society for women they should take advantage of the Eastern Star Chapter. It appeared that one of the Florida lodges had for years been conferring this so-called "Wives and Daughters Degree."

He held that a member of the Order could become a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

Held that a subordinate lodge holds jurisdiction over rejected candidates from foreign jurisprudence for a period of five years unless waived by vote.

A subordinate lodge having received a petition for membership baloted upon the same giving the E.A. and F.C. Degrees when they received

an objection from another lodge in the jurisdiction to the candidate's further advancement on the ground that he had been rejected in the objecting lodge. Held candidate could not be advanced without waiver from the objecting lodge.

The Grand Master visited fifty-seven different lodges during the year. He found the attendance at the lodges constantly on the increase. The Grand Master sent a circular letter to all the lodges that they hold educational meetings once each month during the year. He outlines a tentative program. He stressed the necessity for the members to support the public school system of the state and leave no stone unturned where they could do something for the betterment of school facilities in their respective districts. These meetings dwelt largely on a Mason's duty to the Government. Among other things, the Grand Master recommends that the lodges pay into the fund for the Masonic Home \$5 for every initiation. This recommendation was subsequently adopted by Grand Lodge.

The Deputy Grand Master reports in part that he refused to lay the cornerstone of a theatre building on the ground that the building was to be used entirely for profit. He held that the Masonic ceremony of laying cornerstones was limited to buildings of Masonic, public, charitable or benevolent character. He refused a petition for initiation from a candidate who was totally and unrecoverably blind.

In the Grand Secretary's report we note dispensations for three new lodges, restoration of two charters and the surrender of one.

The report of the trustees of the Masonic Temple shows receipts of over \$33,000. The financial position of the Temple is reported to be very good.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Work reported four schools of Masonic instruction during the year.

Included in the Proceedings is an oration by Dr. Lincoln Hulley, president of John B. Stetson University. This address is characterized by more sound common sense and less attempt at flowery eloquence than any this reviewer has happened to read.

The Masonic Home financial statement shows receipts for the year of over \$46,000.00. At the time of the report the Home was caring for forty-nine people, twenty-six of whom were children. Particulars of the individual cases are given in somewhat minute detail.

The Committee of Masonic Jurisprudence reporting on the "Masonic Service Association," while speaking favorably of the Association, were opposed to joining it for financial considerations.

The following amendment to the Constitution was adopted:

"No lodge funds shall be disbursed or expended except for Masonic purposes within the Fraternity. If it is desired to contribute to purposes outside the Fraternity it is permissible to make a voluntary collection within the lodge for such purposes."

250 lodges. Total membership, 22,691; net increase for 1922, 1,507.

M.W. Bro. John L. Hall, Jacksonville, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary.

E. T. B.

GEORGIA

The 137th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia F. & A.M., was held in the City Auditorium at Macon on the 30th and 31st days of October, 1923.

Grand Master Joe P. Bowdoin presided during the first day, and Deputy Grand Master James D. Hamrick, and M.W. Bro. N. H. Ballard, P.G.M., presided during the second day, during the absence of the Grand Master, who had been excused by special resolution of Grand Lodge to enable him to attend the ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the George Washington Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia, on the first day of November, 1923.

The Grand Master's message was chiefly devoted to a review of his labors as Grand Master and the problems pressing for solution in his jurisdiction. Evidencing the quality of the man thereby explaining his great hold on the affections of his brethren, we quote from his introductory remarks:

"If I know my heart, it is to love the brethren, to do what I can for you while I may, to labor without ceasing for the brotherhood of man and the betterment of humanity, relieve distress, prolong life, sympathize with those in trouble, aid the orphan and follow as best I can the Great Light."

Regarding the value of District meetings, we report his experience:

"The conventions this year were well attended, and much good was accomplished. I had the pleasure of addressing thousands of Masons in this way. The fellowship and fraternity existing at all of them were splendid; they were earnest, zealous and attentive to the duties of the Craft; much debate of enlightening interest was had; much was done at all of them that was conducive to good citizenship, good community interest and the cementing of all into a broad, strong fraternity."

During the first ten months of the year 1923 the Grand Master laid fourteen cornerstones of churches, schools and public buildings. We quote from the report thereon:

"The laying of a cornerstone is a simple, impressive ceremony, one that should be encouraged and the very best attention given to it. An opportunity of appearing before the public is not offered Masons many times, and when it does occur we should see to it that the Craft makes the right impression. The cornerstone ceremony gives an opportunity to say something to the people about the principles of Masonry that should not be neglected."

Grand Master Bowdoin heartily endorsed the Order of DeMolay.

The closing peroration has such a general appeal to all Masons wheresoever dispersed that we feel it should be quoted at length:

"I do hope that we may each and all show that we have accomplished something for the good of our fellow man during the past twelve months. I hope that our labor has been such that we will pass the final inspection with honor to the individual and the advancement of the great principles of Freemasonry; that our life when put to the test of the square of virtue will be found close fitting in the angle and at the end of this, the tool with which we symbolically try our lives, may the level show that the work erected has been correct, and that our great and good Grand Master will find us upright by the plumb. Oh, brethren, these tools of our Craft

are unbending, uncompromising, unyielding; they are right, correct and just; they cannot vary, and our task is to so live that when we recline at night for rest and sleep, when the evening shadows come, when our daily life is done, we may rest in security, having faithfully, according to our teachings, lived the true life of a Mason, with a conscience clear we may receive a benediction that will not permit regrets or remorse. If every day is properly lived, if we rest secure at nightfall under the accomplishment of good deeds done in the body, we need not fear the final yearly balance, nay, not only the yearly balance, but the final balance and the permanent closing of our life's book."

This Grand Lodge on the request of the Committee on General Welfare adopted the following regulation:

"It is hereby made unlawful and a Masonic offense for any member in this Grand Jurisdiction to give, sell or furnish or to keep in stock in any book-store or place of business, the management of which he may control in any manner, any printed, engraved, typewritten or written book, pamphlet or leaflet containing anything whatsoever pertaining to a key, cipher or written or printed work of a secret character. Any member so offending shall be charged with gross unmasonic conduct and be tried by his lodge. Upon conviction he shall be subject to expulsion or to suspension for a definite period, dependent upon the gravity of or the circumstances attendant upon the offense."

Recognition of the Argentine Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, and of the Grand Lodge of Guatemala was denied.

On the recommendation of the Committee in Foreign Correspondence, this Grand Lodge adopted substantially the same basis for recognition of foreign Grand Lodges as had been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Montana in August, 1923.

We quote from the report of the Committee on General Welfare concerning lodge libraries:

"Your Committee urges the establishment of lodge libraries by constituent lodges wherever possible. There is the realization of the limited facilities for procuring a number of Masonic books, but it is the belief that a foundation for such a library is available in the preservation by each Lodge of the annual proceedings of this Grand Lodge. These contain not only the actions of this Grand Jurisdiction, but in the appendices are all the developments of the Masonic world. Three copies are furnished each constituent Lodge and one at least can be the property of the Lodge and should be so preserved."

The Fraternal Review of Sister Grand Jurisdictions by Bro. Raymund Daniel is a comprehensive and highly instructive report which holds the interest on account of the excellent literary style and keen logical analysis appearing therein.

This Grand Jurisdiction lost by death during 1923 two of its oldest and most beloved members, Grand Treasurer Rev. J. M. Rushin, who for sixty years had been in attendance at the annual sessions of Grand Lodge, and Past Grand Master Max Meyerhardt, who had made his name a household word to Masons throughout Georgia.

"He has a most wonderful Masonic record. Was made a Master Mason in Cherokee Lodge, No. 66, in October, 1880, and was elected Master of the Lodge in 1884, and re-elected annually for thirty-nine

years, being Master of the Lodge at the time of his death. He was chosen as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia in 1900 and re-elected annually until 1907."

Total membership, 67,433; net gain, 1,042.

F. S. S.

IDAHO

The Fifty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Idaho was held in the City of Boise in September, 1923.

M.W. Bro. George M. Scott, Grand Master, presiding.

The following appears on the title page:

"Ordered that the Worshipful Masters shall read the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, or cause the same to be read to their respective lodges, within three months from the receipt thereof, which fact the secretaries are required to report to the Grand Secretary forthwith under the seal of the Lodge."

This was the first meeting of Grand Lodge in the new Masonic Temple at Boise.

Among the Grand Master's decisions we note the following:

That a visiting member must be vouched for by one who has sat with him in the Blue Lodge; that it is not sufficient to be vouched for by one who has sat with the visitor in a Chapter or Commandery.

The Grand Master recommends the withdrawal from the National Masonic Service Association.

Among the recommendations of the Grand Master were the following:

1. That the State be divided into Masonic Districts in each of which a District Deputy Grand Master be appointed. This was adopted by Grand Lodge.

2. That a former resolution of Grand Lodge "that no candidate for the degrees of Masonry be advanced to the second or third degrees until at least four weeks had elapsed since taking the previous degree" be rescinded. In conformity with this recommendation this resolution was rescinded by Grand Lodge.

3. That Grand Lodge make note of the scandalous conduct of some of the brethren at meetings of the Mystic Shrine and that steps be taken to remedy this abuse. In reference to this Grand Lodge passed a resolution recommending that the incoming Grand Master appoint a commission consisting of three members of Grand Lodge, with power to investigate conditions and acts of any of the members of the Lodges whose acts while attending the meetings or ceremonies of the Shrine are such as to reflect disgrace or dishonor on the good name of Masonry.

The Grand Jurisprudence Report shows capital balance to the credit of the Orphans' Fund of over \$117,000.

A full report on Foreign Correspondence is printed with the Proceedings. Alberta Proceedings are reviewed at length.

85 lodges. Total membership, 9,135.

M.W. Bro. Victor Peterson, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Curtis F. Pike, Grand Secretary.

E. T. B.

ILLINOIS

The Eighty-fourth Annual Communication was opened in the City of Chicago on the 9th day of October, 1923.

M.W. Bro. Elmer E. Beach, Grand Master.

In opening his address the Grand Master, referring to the late Great War and its legacies of immorality, lawlessness, hate, suspicion, avarice and jealousies gives us this remedy.

"Nations are only aggregations of individuals; the thought and conscience of a nation are the combined thought and conscience of its citizens. Educate the individual, remove doubt, suspicion and hate from his mind, instill into his heart love for his fellow man and a generous recognition of the rights of others, teach him and the world the fundamental concepts of Justice, Righteousness and Fraternal Love which we have been taught at the altar of Masonry, and the nations will then live in a state of International Brotherhood, and Universal Peace will have been established. What the world most needs is fraternalism. That is the essence of our Universal institution. No other secular influence equals that of the combined thought and conscience of Freemasonry. The salvation of the world depends upon the elevating influence of such principles and ethical doctrines as those which are the very fundamentals of Freemasonry. We cannot doubt that the time will come when justice, righteousness, fraternity and universal peace shall supplant injustice, wickedness, hate and war. Let us be loyal to the tenets of Freemasonry, and we shall have contributed our full share to the establishment of this happy condition."

I must highly commend the Grand Master for his handling of the two lodges who violated the law by smoking in open lodge. He removed one Master and arrested the charter of both. Later he reinstated the Master and restored the charters on their reformation. The lodge room should be as sacred as a church.

I also congratulate the Grand Master in his decisions which are mostly of local interest. He may have strained the letter as he says, in dealing with the law which forbids the withdrawal of a petition for initiation. "This law is to cover ordinary cases. Extraordinary cases sometimes arise."

He decided in two cases that where the applicant had permanently removed before the petition was acted upon that the petition could be withdrawn.

No constitution has ever been drawn that would meet every case and the Grand Lodge of Illinois is to be congratulated on having a Grand Master who interprets its laws with a good mixture of common sense. Laws are supposed to be common sense. Many are not and if strictly interpreted would, in many cases, prove a burden; but a common sense interpretation often relieves the hardship and benefits the law. All the decisions were approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence in their report, and the report was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

"Moon" lodges, so called, seem to have been the cause of some trouble to the Grand Master. These Moon lodges are those whose meetings are on, before or after the full moon.

The Grand Master says:

"During this Masonic year there has been a large volume of correspondence between the secretaries and Masters of some of these so-called 'Moon' Lodges and the Grand Master, owing to the fact that the Masters and secretaries were uncertain whether their annual meetings could be legally held in December according to their by-laws because they said there was no full moon during the month of December."

According to my almanac there was in that year, 1922, a full moon on the 11th of December. Perhaps the 18th amendment is so strictly enforced in Illinois that even the moon cannot get "full," and the Christmas month at that; but I notice that other jurisdictions are having some of the same trouble.

In this day with automobile equipped with electric lights there is hardly the same need for moonlight, to travel, as was the case no doubt when the custom was established.

The Grand Master did not wish to recommend the continuance of membership in the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, but the Committee on Finance report recommended the continuance of membership in the Association and the report was adopted.

In the detailed report of the doings of the Grand Master we find that he dedicated himself or by proxy ten Masonic Temples and laid nine cornerstones, constituted twenty-six new lodges and instituted seventeen.

R.W. Bros. Chas. Spilman, the Grand Orator, delivered the annual oration, which is printed in full and is well worth reading. There are many passages that are well worth quoting, but I cannot refrain altogether. Here is one:

"Freemasonry, if we will but realize its ever present potency, is like Bryant's beautiful concept of nature's relation to man—'For his gayer hours she has a voice of gladness, and a smile and eloquence of beauty; and she glides into his darker musings with a calm and healing sympathy which steals away their sharpness ere he is aware.'"

"In the great crises, just as in the humdrum routine of daily existence, Masonic teachings offer sound and stable thought. They are good to cling to personally, they are as applicable generally. They provide an anchor against the storms of radicalism, the whims and vagaries of the passing moment. Soon spent in their brief blast they may wreck many a craft unless it has something tangible to which to cling."

M.W. Chas. F. Lamb, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin; M.W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, Past Grand Master and present Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, and M.W. Bro. Louis A. Watres, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and President of the George Washington Memorial Association, were present and addressed the Grand Lodge. M.W. Bro. Watres explained fully the present standing and the hope for the future of the Association of which he is the head.

The Grand Lodge maintains a Masonic Home in which there were on October 1st last year 125 inmates, 85 men and 40 women, and an Orphans' Home in which on September 29th last there was a membership of 190.

In this Grand Jurisdiction there are 945 chartered lodges, with a total membership of 259,044, with a gain of 12,404 for the year.

In the report on Correspondence the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta held in 1922 is reviewed.

Bro. Arthur E. Wood, M.W., Grand Master.

Bro. Owen Scott, Grand Secretary.

H. C. T.

IOWA

The 80th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Sioux City on June 12th, 1923. M.W. Bro. Frank W. Glaze, Grand Master.

The Grand Master in his opening remarks very fittingly remarked upon "the pleasant and convenient situation in which the brethren found themselves at the opening of the Grand Lodge." For the first time in many, many years, the Grand Lodge of Iowa held its meeting in a building dedicated exclusively to Masonic use. "With this thought in our mind, it is in order to congratulate the brethren of Sioux City upon the success of their undertaking. This Temple in all its magnificent proportions stands as a memorial to Masonry in Iowa, and to the Industry, Liberality and Energy of the brethren, who have so splendidly brought it to completion."

The Grand Master early formed the opinion that he would be unable to efficiently discharge the full duties of his office and to serve the Craft as he would wish, unless he gave himself up wholly to the work. He says: "I, therefore, laid aside all personal business and devoted my entire time to Masonry." We cannot but think that the Craft in Iowa must have benefited tremendously by this unselfish resolve on the part of the Grand Master in favor of that whole-hearted and uninterrupted service which so effectively illustrates the thought contained in his later remark, "Masonry will continue to blaze the path of progress and serve to remind us that we should push forward, doing our duty, always striving to follow the tenets of our Order—Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, never forgetting that 'Service above Self' will bring the satisfaction and peace of mind you and I so much desire.

"As I stroll along the highways
Of a hundred kinds of men,
Let me turn into the byways
Of the humble now and then;
Let me reach the corner quickly,
Where the path of friendship starts,
And the bright flowers blossom thickly
In the lane of loving hearts."

With reference to the work of the Eastern Star, the Grand Master says:

"While the Star is no part of our Honorable Institution, yet it is related to us by the dearest ties, and the service this Order is rendering, not only to Masonry but to humanity, entitles it to the commendation and the thanks of all good men, but the Masonic Fraternity in particular."

With regard to the Order of DeMolay we read:

"It has spread all over the country, and is doing a great work in helping boys to be better boys, better sons, and to give more honor and

respect to father and mother than ever before. It teaches them to honor womanhood and be courteous and kind. It makes manly boys and will certainly help to make good men in the future."

M.W. Bro. Glaze is deeply sympathetic towards the Order of DeMolay, and in his efforts to serve it goes so far as to recommend that the "Code" of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, be so amended as to allow financial assistance to be rendered to chapters of this Order from Masonic Lodge funds.

Considerable attention has been directed to the activities of the organization known to the world as the Ku Klux Klan and efforts have been made by members and sympathizers thereof to create in the minds of the people at large the impression that the ideals of the Klan—whatever they may be—have the sanction and approval of the Craft. Any such impression is utterly false, and I give the answer of M.W. Bro. Glaze to some of his enquirers, who were apparently interested in the welfare of the Klan.

"The Grand Lodge of Iowa does not approve of your organization, and as for me, I can see no need for its existence. If a Mason wants to do good, he has ample opportunity as a Mason to do so. As far as enforcing the Law, we have officers for that purpose, and I do not believe any good Mason should take the Law into his own hands, and further I do not believe any respectable, honest, upright man would want to cover his face and go out at night to enforce the Law. I can see no reason why a good Mason would want to join the organization, which is in disrepute and a disgrace to the Community, and as far as I am concerned, I have no use for such an organization."

In one case the Grand Master was informed that the Junior Warden of one of the lodges was an organizer for the Klan, and he promptly sent the following letter to the Worshipful Master:

"I am informed that the Rev. Bro., your Junior Warden, is an organizer for the Ku Klux Klan and is making speeches over the State in the interest of that organization. I feel that this is detrimental to the Masonic Fraternity of Iowa, and that he is disregarding the wishes of the Grand Lodge in doing so. I, therefore, ask you to arrest this jewel, declare his office vacant, and proceed at once to elect an officer to fill the vacancy."

From the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address we quote the following:

"We have read with keen interest that portion of the Grand Master's address devoted to the pernicious activities of the Ku Klux Klan. We endorse without reservation his strong disapproval of this un-American organization, and are of the opinion that many members of the Klan have joined entirely misapprehending its fundamental nature. The organization is utterly discredited wherever its sinister character has been revealed and understood, and a thorough-going analysis of the whole matter shows the radical contrast between the teachings of Masonry and those of this self-appointed organization of 'Reformers.' Masonry is tolerant—the Klan reeks with intolerance; Masonry is law respecting and law abiding—the Klan defies the orderly process of law and abrogates to itself the powers of the courts; Masonry charges its votaries with the grave responsibilities of good citizenship—the Klan's claim to such a virtue is a travesty upon the name of patriot."

DUAL MEMBERSHIP

With regard to Dual Membership the Grand Master says:

"Some brethren have asked me why it is that our Grand Lodge forbids dual membership, and I have not been able to give a satisfactory answer. In the Grand Lodge of England, Scotland and Ireland, the practice of permitting dual membership has existed from time immemorial. It is only in the United States that the practice is generally prohibited, and for no very good reason that I can see.

"I recommend that a Committee be assigned to investigate the matter and report fully thereon at the next Communication of the Grand Lodge.

"It would seem that the advantages of plural membership outweigh its disadvantages and that it furthers rather than hinders the interest of the Craft in general. There must be thousands of Masons, scattered all over the world, who would like to keep up active and responsible interest in the Masonic work, but who are prohibited by the exclusive membership regulation."

We note with interest that the Masonic Temple in Sioux City is completed and in occupation by the brethren. The reports contains some interesting views of the Temple, showing the front elevation and entrance in, the classical type of Spanish architecture, a partial view of the auditorium with provision for a pipe organ, and showing a large and well-equipped stage; the amphitheatre contains about 1,400 seats, and the floor space about 800 more. At the present time this building is the finest and best equipped Temple in Iowa.

From the report of the Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund we quote the following:

"The earnest and conscientious co-operation of our local trustees during the past year has aided us very materially in getting the best results possible from the funds expended. Without their close attention to the little details of each case and a conscientious endeavor upon their part to be helpful to both the unfortunate ones under their immediate charge and to the Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund, our best efforts would fall far short of accomplishing the great good that comes through our system of dispensing Masonic charity."

We note with interest that under the provisions of the will of the late Bro. Max D. Peterson, who died in Davenport, Iowa, April 12th, 1915, the Grand Lodge Charity Fund receives one-fifth of the net proceeds of a trust fund of \$200,000, bequeathed by Bro. Max D. Petersen for charitable purposes.

From the report of the Committee on Masonic Service, it appears that very excellent work is being done in promulgating among the Masons of Iowa the educational program of the Masonic Service Association of the United States, a program which has for its purpose a practical application of the teachings and symbolism of Freemasonry to the manifold problems of modern life in such a way as to make modern Freemasonry a great constructive force in defence of those principles for which our fraternity has been contending since time immemorial.

From the address of the M.W. Bro. A. L. Randell, Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of U.S. and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, we quote the following:

"Freemasonry is a universal thing, universal because in its principles there are to be found all those things which are fundamental to the

establishment and maintenance of human liberties and human rights. It came down the centuries from that dim and distant age in which it had its origin, holding its banners high, never trailing them in the dust, stepping over the wrecks of empires and dynasties, of cults and creeds which have strewn the highway of history, on into modern times as the greatest and most powerful fraternal force the world has ever seen, to establish in this government and for all mankind those principles without which there can be no liberty and without which there can be no universal brotherhood.

"I believe in the future of American Freemasonry and I believe in the future of this American government of ours. But my brethren, if we are to remain constructive leaders of the thought and activities of the great mass of American citizenship, if we are to call forth the same reverence and loyalty from the generations that are to come that you and I do so gladly give to the generations that have gone, it behooves us to get on the job, to stand by those causes which mean the promotion of the welfare and influence of Freemasonry."

From the report of the Committee on Masonic Sanitarium, we note that Iowa Masonry for many years has followed the plan originated by it, of administering Masonic relief through its Grand Charity Trustees. These Trustees, through their great-hearted members, have so discharged their duties as to reflect undying credit upon themselves and our beloved Fraternity. It is the opinion of this Committee that changed conditions make it necessary that, as supplemental to the means of relief provided through the Grand Charity fund, we must resort to similar means adopted in so many other Grand Jurisdictions and have a Sanitarium or Home for the more distressing cases. We find that thirty-five Grand Jurisdictions in the United States have Sanitariums or similar institutions in which to care for its dependent, afflicted members, who need and require that special kind of aid and treatment.

"We, therefore, recommend that proper steps be taken at this Communication of the Grand Lodge, looking to the financing and erection in this Grand Jurisdiction of a Masonic Sanitarium, planned at the outstart to care for from twenty-five to fifty members, and that the same be further planned to permit enlargement as the needs become apparent and funds are available.

The perusal of the report on Fraternal Correspondence by M.W. Bro. Louis Block, Past Grand Master, is a most pleasurable duty. His foreword on "Masonry and Modern Life" is particularly good, and we regret that it cannot be placed in the hands of every Mason. We quote his closing lines:

"There is no need for new laws, new systems, new forms of government. There is a crying need for plain, old-fashioned individual performance of duty.

"Honor and fame from no condition rise,
Act well your part—there all the honor lies."

Otherwise all our preaching of precepts, all our ritualizing will be as:

"'A thing full of sound and fury,
Signifying nothing.'"

"Masonry has a glorious gospel, as we her votaries well know, but glorious as that gospel may be, there is another far more vitally important and that is the gospel of the individual life."

Membership, 81,405; net gain, 2,805.

Next Annual Communication, 10th June, 1924.

E. D. C.

IRELAND

We make the following interesting quotations from the address of the Right Honorable the Earl of Donoughmore, Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, delivered at the stated Communication held in Dublin on St. John's Day, December 27, 1923:

"I am proud of the fact that men eminent in other walks of life, be it law, or medicine, or any of the hundreds of ramifications of commerce, always put their professional attainments freely and voluntarily at the service of the Order, very often to the detriment of the purposes for which they follow their business, which are, of course, quite honourable, their own profit. I heard it, perhaps a little enigmatically, described by a brother who said that the great advantage of Freemasonry was that all its highest paid work was unpaid. We do enjoy the fact that for us, when the Order wants something done it gets it done for nothing, freely and voluntarily, and better done, perhaps, because it is freely and voluntarily done, and to the delight of he that does it, whereas in private life, those of us who have to employ experts, a disadvantage that we all suffer from sometimes, are not so happily circumstanced."

"I should have no difficulty in ruling, if it was ever put to me, that the Grand Lodge of Ireland is always ex-officio of middle age. That is to say, it has the wisdom of age and the enthusiasm of youth."

"Some of you have probably noticed that there is a conference shortly at Geneva, at which a number of Grand Lodges are to meet in conference and discuss subjects of mutual interest. I don't think we did have an actual definite invitation to attend. We had a letter from the Grand Lodge of New York—they somehow suspected that we would not attend—asking us why we would not be present. The letter was a very long one, coming from a brother whose acquaintance I am pleased to have. We answered it very shortly by saying simply this, 'We have in our knowledge the fact that this conference will be attended by a number of Grand Lodges who do not recognize the ancient landmarks as we insist on them, and as long as that is so we shall not go into conference with any such body.'"

"I think we may congratulate ourselves that, in spite of great temptation, Freemasonry in Ireland has always kept clearly out of the trouble and difficulties and unpleasantness of party politics. Freemasonry is a force for good in the community, and the community would be very much poorer if that force were not there to help it by good work, and above all to show by proper example of what the relations of men should be towards their fellow man in anxiety to help them whenever they can, without detriment, of course, to themselves or their immediate connections."

The following quotations from the Provincial Grand Masters of several Provincial Grand Lodges will indicate to some extent the condition of Masonry in these provinces. The Provincial Grand Master of Antrim writes:

"The general progress of Masonry in this Province during 1923 is evidenced by the constitution of ten new lodges—nine in the city of Belfast and one in Ballyclare, where a new Hall was also dedicated.

"It has always been practically impossible for two Instructors to cope with the work of such a Province as this, but this was all we could legally have until Grand Lodge amended the Law last year. A number of brethren have now been formally examined and certificated by the Grand

Lodge of Instruction. These certificates are individual and personal, but the holder of one of them must always act in conjunction with the holder of another such, or with a full member of the G.L. of Instruction.

"The new system will, it is hoped, bring the benefits and advantages of competent and accurate instruction in our Ritual to lodges to which it has hitherto been almost inaccessible."

The Provincial Grand Master of Down says:

"Trade depression is the cause of a great amount of distress in the industrial areas of the Province, but notwithstanding this the Charities have been well supported.

"At the last Stated Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Province an eloquent appeal was made on behalf of the Grand Master's Restoration Fund, and it is hoped the generosity of the brethren will not be appealed to in vain."

The Provincial Grand Master of North Munster writes:

"The period covered by my last report was one of considerable unrest over the whole area of this Province.

"During that time our activity was considerably curtailed and some of our lodges were not able to meet at all. More settled conditions have prevailed during the last year, and we have been able to resume to a large extent our former work.

"All the lodges are now working except one, and we hope when that district becomes more settled, it will be able to resume its good work as heretofore.

"One of the Masonic Halls in our district was taken over by military forces, and at the time of writing we have not succeeded in getting it restored, but we hope to do so at an early date. In the meantime we have made temporary arrangements for the meeting of this lodge, and it is now working regularly.

"During the past few years considerable numbers of our members have left the country, some of whom, I regret to say, will never return permanently to dwell among us, but, now as the country has greatly improved many of them will be with us again."

The Provincial Grand Master of Armagh writes:

"In many of the lodges in the Province the Initiation Fee and the Annual Dues have been increased, the object being to enable lodges as such to contribute more liberally than has been done in the past to our Three Masonic Jewels. In addition to this the claims of the Charities have been specially brought to the notice of the individual brethren, with the result that there has been a gratifying increase of Annual and Life Governors throughout the Province.

"The reports of my three Provincial Grand Inspectors are uniformly satisfactory and encouraging and go to show that on the whole a high standard of excellence and uniformity of working is maintained in the various lodges in their several districts."

The Provincial Grand Master of South Africa writes:

"There is really little of general Masonic interest to report regarding this Province. Trade depression has been so acute in this country during the past year that new candidates are not coming forward as rapidly as one could wish.

"Our lodges, however, are holding their own with the other Constitutions (three in number), and are all in a good financial position to meet the strain of bad times."

The Masonic charities of this Grand Lodge have more than maintained their income from voluntary subscriptions. The receipts of the girls' school have increased by more than one thousand pounds; those of the boys' school by more than five hundred pounds, and the Jubilee Fund by three hundred pounds. There are now 104 pupils on the roll of the girls' school; 101 on the roll of the boys' school and 105 annuitants receiving annuities from the Masonic Annuity Fund.

S. Y. T.

KANSAS

The 67th Annual Communication was held in the Banquet Hall of the Scottish Rite Temple, in the City of Wichita, Kansas, on February 28th and March 1st, 1923. The session was opened by the Grand Master, John McCullagh.

One of the decisions referred to in the Grand Master's address might be here mentioned. It is that a lodge cannot sponsor a DeMolay Organization since this organization is not and cannot come under the jurisdiction of Masonry. The DeMolay Organization is a boys' organization that has grown up for boys, the sons or brothers of Masons.

Two very interesting addresses are printed in full in the report. One, by Bro. William A. Lewis, President of the Kansas Teachers' College of Hays, is a splendid philosophical treatise of the principles of Masonry. In it he said:

"Masonry has been, not a mere incidental of civilization, but for three thousand years has been a constant admonition to an abiding faith in the one living God and for two thousand years a training in the precepts of Christ's philosophy of life which should furnish the world with a stability of character and conviction of heart that can stand the storms as the giant oak and about which may cluster the vacillating of the nation to find a conviction and a surety, and in that finding acquire a new dedication to the purposes of our government and the mission of our flag.

"I do not want anyone present to suppose for one moment that I am even intimating that the Christian religion will fall and that I have a hope of Masonry taking its place. I am trying to say that Masonry is not a religion. It is a fraternity out of whose associations and teachings I am hopeful, and I believe I see that there shall be that steadfastness of character, because of the brethren, which shall enable us to withstand the storms that are beating about us, not as Masons but as Christians and citizens of the United States of America."

The other address was delivered by Robert P. McColloch, which is to be delivered at all District Meetings during the year and also at subordinate lodges in the State of Kansas. The subject of the address is "The Fundamentals of Masonry." The most remarkable passage is an analysis of materialism and a tirade against it:

"I have spoken of the growth of materialism. It has its leaders, advocates and preachers everywhere. Listen now to a recent utterance of the high priest of the Material creed: 'Let us sit tight until the red world revolution breaks out.'"

"All we ask is that our foreign comrades give us five years more to prove the advantage of socialism over capitalism."

"Such is the ultimate purpose of Materialism. Heed it; meet it; defeat it. Joining itself to all other spiritual forces, assuming leadership, if need be, let Freemasonry prove itself the effective force and stabilizing agency for the preservation of the social order, and the concert of the world in working out the problems of our civilization. Freemasonry is a force which, if energized, will broadcast Law, Liberty, Love, until these shall become the basis of human society."

The report of the Committee on Necrology was particularly well prepared in the Kansas report. It is gratifying to see that honor is done to those who have served long and faithfully in the Craft. The review of almost every life is concluded with an appropriate verse of poetry.

Total membership, 72,297; net gain, 3,147.

R. P.

KENTUCKY

The 123rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A.M., was held in Louisville, October 16, 17 and 18, 1923. M.W. Bro. Emerson E. Nelson presided.

From the introduction to a very excellent address we quote:

"Freemasonry, the oldest and strongest of all the fraternal orders, has helped to awaken the spirit of brotherhood which has taken hold of men in this generation as never before; and we shall be untrue to our principles and profession if we are not, after the Church, the first and most effective leader in the field of altruistic effort."

Regarding the matter of uniformity in the "work" he says:

"I found the work in almost every lodge differing, and being carried out after the manner best suited to the degree team putting on the work. There has been for some time a great demand for uniform work and I am of the opinion that it would be one of the best steps that could be taken by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, that they formulate some plan whereby uniform work can be established in this jurisdiction. I recommend that Jurisprudence Committee present to this Grand Lodge a plan for securing such uniformity."

We cull the following from the opinions and decisions given by the Grand Master; these and all other opinions and decisions were approved by Grand Lodge:

"A Past Master asked whether a lodge could be legally opened for the transaction of business before the time fixed by the By-laws, to which I responded that it could not.

"A lodge through its Master inquired whether, when the presiding officer of a lodge was a candidate in an election, he should be required to vacate the chair as presiding officer. Held that he was not, and although a candidate himself he was entitled to one vote.

"A brother having received the Entered Apprentice Degree, by a traffic accident lost his right hand. His lodge submits for decision whether he is entitled to be passed and raised. Decided that he was entitled to the remaining degrees if otherwise found proficient.

"A brother of one of our lodges requested demit. All his dues were paid and he was in good standing, but he had made a voluntary subscription payable in instalments for the erection of a new home for the lodge. The question was submitted by the lodge as to whether the unpaid subscription to the building fund justified them in refusing a demit. Decided that the brother was entitled to his demit regardless of the instalment subscription to the building fund."

The Grand Master recommended that the Order of the Eastern Star be officially recognized by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. The recommendation was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

A warning or caution given might well be earnestly considered by Masons in every jurisdiction. We quote in part:

"Dangers of one kind or another beset every organization; and we should never forget that it is not numbers or wealth, or even friendliness and liberality that make fraternity strong. The source of strength is character. We are not always alert to receive into our Order only men of good character and then to make them better. Our definition of 'Good Character' needs attention. When some people say that a man is of good character, it does not mean that he is clean, and sober, and upright, and honorable; it means little more than that he keeps out of jail, or keeps his meanness concealed under a plausible exterior.

"I can, therefore, give no more serious or important admonition than that this great fraternity demand a higher standard of morality, and that it suffer no man to bear its name unless his character is really clean and good."

A motion to repeal or set aside the recommendation of former Grand Master Fred Acker relative to the Ku Klux Klan, which had become a Regulation, and to set aside and expunge from the record the recommendation and edict of Grand Master Emerson E. Nelson relative to the Ku Klux Klan, was on a roll call, decisively defeated by a vote of 400 to 171.

In an able and instructive report prepared by M.W. Bro. William W. Clarke on Proceedings of Grand Lodges for 1923, Alberta is accorded a sympathetic review.

Total membership, 71,026; net gain, 1,766.

F. S. S.

LOUISIANA

The 112th Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana convened in the City of New Orleans on the 5th of February, 1923, with M.W. Ira W. Sylvester, Grand Master, presiding. Alberta was represented by Bro. Crow Girard, of Lafayette.

From the address of the Grand Master and the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, we gather that there is a gratifying interest and activity prevailing throughout the Fraternity, and a substantial gain in membership.

Dispensations have been issued for the formation of five new lodges with good prospects that they may so prosper in their work as to warrant a subsequent granting of charters.

Definite plans towards the construction and operation of the Masonic Home have been formulated, and it is hoped and expected that before the next Grand Communication the Masonic Home will have been completed.

The address contains five pages of rulings and decisions of the Grand Master, but there are none that appear to have any particular interest for this jurisdiction. Dispensations granted for a variety of reasons take up nine pages.

It appears that the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Orphans' Home are making substantial progress with the work committed to their care. A number of Masonic Homes have been visited by the members of the board and much valuable information regarding management obtained. The architects have likewise been active in securing data on the layout and planning of such Homes and have their portion of the work well in hand.

From the report of the Committee on Education, we quote the following:

"The Masonic Fraternity from time immemorial has been the advocate of the Public School system of America. We believe in free speech, free conscience, and free thought, and that error can never long prevail when enlightened reason is left free to combat it. It is our duty to do our part in building up a great Nation of enlightened citizens, both men and women, inspired with a patriotic zeal in behalf of the country.

"Masonry in its essential essence teaches an equality of opportunity and it is only through the public school system that the child of parents of moderate means shall secure an equal opportunity in the race for life and be able to take its position among the enlightened citizens of this Country.

For these reasons, the Masonic Grand Lodge has unqualifiedly endorsed the provisions of the Towner-Sterling Bill and every Mason is urged to discuss the bill and talk for it whenever the occasion presents itself, believing that it is directed towards the best interests of the children of the country."

An interesting and aspiring address was given by the Rev. Bro. W. S. Slack, and from it we quote the following:

"The reading of that timeless definition of "What Masonry is and its Objects," by perhaps the greatest of all American Masons, one of our Southern Heroes—General Albert Pike, has brought further to mind my ignorance and incompetency of utterance of the "sublime principles" of that Order, whose origin is wrapt in mystery, but whose teachings, handed down from the dim and yet unforgotten past have lightened the paths of many of this world's greatest patriots and sons, and produced in their train blessings to those without, as well as within our Order.

"Putting to one side then, any effort to instruct with regard to the origin or antiquity of our esteemed and venerated Order, since its origin is involved in the mysterious fastnesses of the past, and the deepest and most profound students of Masonry are at variance among themselves as to the exact time when the bright beams of Light Masonic first shone upon earth, I dare not surmise or offer any suggestion as to the cause of its origination. We know that it is of very great antiquity; for we are told that when Cleopatra's Needle, the great monolith that is standing in Central Park, New York City, and which is given a date more than five centuries earlier than that of the building of King Solomon's Temple to Jehovah in Jerusalem, and when that ancient granite monolith was moved,

there were found under its base certain emblems and symbols that only Masons and those learned in our art could decipher.

"But for us, this suffices. 'Masonry is not great because it is old—but it is o-l-d because it IS GREAT.' We venerate it not because of that antiquity, precious though it may be, and is, to us on account of its past, but it has a past because it was of proven value to those who learned and lived according to its precepts, and today are bright lights in its firmament of the past.

"I would remind ourselves that foremost among the characteristics of our Order is Tolerance. Toleration, in this day of unrest, when the heat and passion stirred by the torrid flames of war have not yet cooled and the flames that ignited have not an active war, with an active enemy to engage with, are lapping about us seeking fresh fuel to devour, it is perhaps often, too often the case, that we have forgotten the teachings of our beloved Order, and may have allied ourselves with those not learned in our Masonic precepts, and regardless of the teachings of the sages of all ages, whether the negative teachings of those who went before, or the positive command of the Master Prophet of Galilee. 'Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do you even so to them,' and we would meet hatred with rancor, bitterness with bitterness, distrust with suspicion, so that evil passions become engendered, friends become alien to each other, and communities which should be united find themselves resolved into quasi hostile camps."

Membership, 31,221.

Gain for the year, 1,548.

E. D. C.

MAINE

The one hundred and fourth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple, Portland, on May 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1923.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Spear delivered one of the best addresses that I have ever been privileged to read. It is brim full of good things and I would like to quote the address in full but space forbids.

He notes that the country is favored with business prosperity and employment.

"Yet there is an undercurrent of popular dissatisfaction with the existing order of affairs. We are drifting away from the landmarks of our early conception of Government. Liberty, as defined by the fathers, has grown irksome. The rule that your liberty ceases, where my rights begin, is no longer popular. The tendency is towards socialism, communism and disregard of law."

To combat this he says:—

"Among the most powerful agencies of resistance, to the advancement of erroneous doctrines, should be, and will be, the serried ranks of symbolic Masonry."

The Grand Master rejoiced over the fact that during the year not one of the Grand officers had joined the "very many" but the Grand Lodge

received a severe shock on the afternoon of the second day in the report of the death of its senior Past Grand Master Frank Eugene Sleeper, Grand Lecturer.

The memorial prepared for the Grand Lodge contains this tribute to his memory:—

"To have known him was to have honored him for his wide Masonic knowledge; to have respected him for his sterling integrity of character and for his sacrificing services as a faithful physician, and to have loved him for his manliness, his gentleness, and his courtliness of life. It might well be said of Brother Sleeper that 'Here was all that makes a man' and what more or better could be said of any one."

Under the head of Discipline the Grand Master refers to receiving so discourteous a letter from a member of the Craft, who had been using the Masonic Emblem in his business, that he had suspended him. The committee on Grievances and Appeals before whom the accused appeared recommended a suspension of three years—a rather light sentence for the double offence.

I was somewhat surprised to learn in the Grand Master's address that a candidate could, by constitution, be advanced to all three degrees in forty eight hours. He suggested two weeks should elapse and an examination in open lodge. This was endorsed by the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution and an amendment was proposed but adoption was postponed to next annual communication. It would, in my opinion be much better to make the time four weeks and that a proper examination of the preceding degree should be passed before any advancement.

The Grand Master suggests the adoption of a standing regulation requiring the examination of visitors in open lodge. I fully agree with the Committee on Constitution, that such would be inadvisable and would add that it would in many lodges be impracticable. The whole evening would be used in the examination if there were many visitors.

The Committee on Constitution turned down a recommendation that the Grand Lodge pay the expenses of the Grand officer attending to install officers of a subordinate lodge or dedicate a hall. This to me seems very "small potatoes." The officer is usually the Grand Master or some one appointed by him and to think that the Grand Master should on accepting such an invitation either pay his own expenses or ask the subordinate lodge to help him out, is most repugnant to me. In my opinion the Grand Lodge gets as much or more benefit than the subordinate lodge.

The more frequently Grand Lodge officers visit the more loyal the subordinate lodge and the greater its interest is in the Grand Lodge.

Under physical qualifications the Grand Master quotes from the Constitution of the Grand Lodge referring to the ancient Regulation where physical deformity operates as a bar, "but as this regulation was adopted for the government of the Craft, at a period when they united the character of operative with that of speculative Masons, this Grand Lodge authorizes such a construction of the regulation as that, when the deformity of the candidate is not such as to prevent him from being instructed in the arts or mysteries of Freemasonry and does not amount to an inability honestly to acquire the means of subsistence, the admission will not be an infringement upon the ancient landmarks, but will be perfectly consistent with the spirit of our institution."

The Grand Master then says: "The letter of the law killeth, but the spirit of the law giveth life.' In my opinion the spirit of the Constitution

as expressed in the above language, was intended to open wide the door to moral and intellectual worth and to close it upon the objection of physical disqualifications to the last possible degree, consistent with the ancient landmarks. And this it should do. It is, therefore, highly important to determine what modification of these decisions, under the Constitution are permissible and desirable in amelioration of physical ineligibility as now defined."

The Committee on Jurisprudence gives a most interesting report on this and advise the following:—

"A man to be eligible for the degrees must be able to conform to all the ceremonies in the practice of Masonry, to receive all the work and impart it to another. The substitution of limbs or parts for portions of his natural person shall not be a bar, *provided* such are under the practical control of the petitioner. The nature and extent of deformities of the natural person shall not indicate whether or not they are a disqualification.

If the Senior Warden can conscientiously declare that the candidate 'is in due form' and is able to receive and impart all signs and tokens necessary for Masonic recognition in each degree he is not ineligible.

It is for the Master of the lodge to decide whether, under the foregoing limitations, the disability of a particular candidate excludes him."

The matter of physical qualifications is a stumbling block in many jurisdictions and there are almost as many different rulings as there are jurisdictions. I think the above is a most clear, sensible and simple ruling. Masonry now is purely speculative, not operative, and if a candidate has a clear, bright and pure mind why should he be kept out because he has lost a finger or toe when he is a good and upright man and likely to prove a true Mason and an ornament to the Craft.

The Grand Master recommends that the recognition of the National Grand Lodge of Italy be considered and the Committee on Foreign Correspondence asked for further time to consider the request, which was granted.

I must agree with the Grand Master that the Grand Lodge of Maine is not doing as much as it should in its charity work. The fund now stands at \$84,234, about \$2 per member, but with the low assessment of 20c. per member in Grand Lodge dues it must grow very slowly. He recommended that the annual dues be fixed at 50c. per member. This was concurred in by the Committee on Finance, and the matter was referred to the Constitution for report and action at the next Annual Communication. The Grand Master calls the attention of the Grand Lodge to the use of the ballot for retaliation or revenge. He says: "That the right to cast a ballot by each individual Mason for or against a candidate is a Masonic and not a personal or individual matter. A member of a lodge is invested with the right of ballot as a Masonic trust, and it is a privilege which should be used by him only in the execution of that trust, and not for the purpose of enabling him to gratify any individual or personal grievance, real or supposed. I further wish to say that I deem it not only un-Masonic but cowardly for a man, who has been afforded the honors of Masonry, to take advantage of a secret ballot in order to serve his own personal ends."

The Grand Master gives a most scathing denunciation of the Ku Klux Klan. He gives in full a letter which he wrote to a brother who had asked him for an expression of his views in the matter. In one paragraph he says:

"Without proceeding further to describe the illegal processes of the K.K.K., of the existence of which there can be no reasonable doubt, I know that you, as a good Mason, will agree with me that such an institution is absolutely unMasonic and utterly without support or sympathy from any Masonic point of view."

He closes the letter with these words:

"I wish it to be understood that what I have said is with reference to Masons as a fraternity, not with reference to Masons in their individual capacity and rights. It is none of my business, as Grand Master or as an individual, what Masons do outside of a Masonic lodge, whether in attendance at Ku Klux Klan meetings, or in the form of any other activities, provided they are not guilty of unMasonic conduct."

If the K.K.K. is an institution which is "absolutely unMasonic," then attendance at their meetings would make Masons guilty of unMasonic conduct. With the view expressed by the Grand Master it must be his business, as it is the business of every Grand Master and every Mason in fact, to warn and urge that every brother who in any way countenances or assists in such unlawful institutions is apt to bring discredit on the Craft. I do not like that concluding sentence in this letter. To me it seemed to hint at an apology for speaking as plainly as he did.

The Grand Master closes his most excellent address urging his hearers to carry out the mission of Freemasonry and its influence upon the home, the neighborhood, the community and the state, and a warning to keep strict guard so that no one who is undesirable or unworthy shall gain admittance.

Might I, in closing, suggest to the Grand Secretary, or whoever is responsible for compiling the Table of Contents, that he arrange the items in topical, not chronological, order. It would be much easier to find any topic or trace up through the committee, action on any item of interest.

Both the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

Alberta is kindly reviewed in the Report on Correspondence. There is, however, one little error. It puts M.W. Bro. Kemmis as Grand Master of British Columbia, whereas he is a highly respected Past Grand Master of Alberta.

Number of members, March 1st, 1923, 41,730; net gain during the year, 1,057.

M.W. Albert M. Spear, Grand Master.

R.W. Charles B. Davis, Grand Secretary.

H. C. T.

MANITOBA

The 48th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the City of Winnipeg on Wednesday, June 13, 1923. M.W. Bro. Rev. A. B. Baird, D.D., Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Baird has the following to say with regard to District Meetings:

"The District Meetings were held during the autumn months. The Winnipeg district finds it impracticable to gather all its four or five thousand members into one place and the District Deputy Grand Master held instead two meetings during the year with the principal officers of the lodges in his district. All the other districts held District Meetings between the last week of September and the first week of December. I had the pleasure of attending all these meetings and found them uniformly successful, due partly to the pains taken by the District Deputy Grand Master to make thorough preparation, partly to the readiness of local brethren to prepare addresses or papers and to take part in the discussions."

He further states:

"I am convinced that one reason for the irregular attendance, especially of brethren like myself who are advanced in years, is the late hour in the evening to which, in most lodges, the meetings are kept up, and I offer two suggestions which have a bearing on this point. One is that Masters of lodges see to it that their meetings begin sharp on time. The other suggestion is that the lodges try out the system which has been so generally adopted in England, where a lodge meets at six o'clock or half-past six in the evening. The members have supper together. This is usually followed at once by any social or entertainment feature thought advisable. The lodge is then ready for business or degree work not later than eight o'clock and the whole evening's program completed at a comparatively early hour."

The benevolent fund of this Grand Lodge now amounts to \$130,000. The interest is used for the relief of need among Freemasons and their dependents. More than \$10,000 was expended for this purpose last year, which was \$1,600 in excess of the annual income for that purpose.

In view of the fact that this Grand Lodge will celebrate the semi-centennial of its existence next year, the Grand Master recommended that this jubilee be commemorated by making a substantial addition to the benevolent fund so that the increasing demands may be met from the interest thereof. Grand Lodge resolved that an appeal be made throughout the jurisdiction for an addition of \$75,000 to the benevolent fund and authorized the incoming Grand Master to take the necessary steps to organize the several districts for the purpose of effectively prosecuting the campaign.

We have pleasure in quoting the following interesting extract from the admirable address of M.W. Bro. Baird:

"One of the symbols which recalls, very tender memories in the Masonic hearts is the sprig of acacia. The acacia as it grows in Arabia and Palestine is an evergreen and therefore an emblem of immortality, an emblem the more suitable because its wood is indestructible. Under the name of shittim wood it was used for constructing the Biblical Ark of the Covenant and it was the material, too, used in making the coffins of the Egyptian Kings of which we have heard so much of late and which have so marvellously withstood the ravages of time. The sprig of acacia, then, was a symbol by no means unfitting for the enduring personality which abides unchanged through the chances and changes of this mortal life and which bridges the gap between this life and the next and carries the soul, the real self to the further shore. The acacia in most of its forms is an inconspicuous little member of the plant world with its grey-green foliage and in the desert its half-hidden location in the sides of the wady. This seems to have suggested its use as an emblem of innocence

and modesty, the lessons of which are constantly associated with its appearance, and so it is an appropriate reminder of that great teaching which stands out in the philosophy and law of life of our Order. 'I am among you as he that serveth.'

"The man who was lord of fate,
Born in an ox's stall,
Was great because he was much too great
To care about greatness at all.
Ever and only He sought
The will of His Father good,
Never of what was high He thought,
But of what His Father would.
You long to be great; you try,
You feel yourself smaller still;
In the name of God let ambition die;
Let Him make you what He will.
Who does the truth is one
With the living truth above.
Be God's obedient faithful son;
Let ambition die in love."

M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario), was a guest of this Grand Lodge during their Annual Communication.

The Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry presents by far the most interesting report at this Annual Communication. We quote in part as follows:

"The outstanding feature of our work for the year has been our active association with the R.W. District Deputy Grand Masters. The foundation was laid at the last Annual Communication when, it will be remembered, a conference was held by us with the retiring and incoming D.D.G.M.'s, and they were encouraged to participate actively in the discussion of Masonic problems. It was admitted that this discussion brought out many valuable ideas, and your committee was enabled to indicate clearly the procedure that should be followed in strengthening the Masonic fabric throughout the jurisdiction. For the balance of the calendar year the work in the various districts was observed carefully by the representatives of the M.W. the Grand Master, and some useful suggestions were put forward by them for the benefit of particular lodges. Early in the new year, another conference was summoned by the Board of General Purposes at the request of your committee, and information of a detailed character regarding the condition of the Craft was submitted and considered. In addition to the material obtained in this way, we have the statistical and other official reports as well as correspondence on subjects which appeared to require special attention. Your committee has met frequently for the purpose of maintaining close contact with what was being done by our associates throughout the Province, and has endeavored to analyze accurately the tendencies of Masonic thought and activities. We have been ready to give to the D.D.G.M.'s every assistance in our power, but we have neglected no opportunity to instill into their minds the need for constant supervision and investigation in their respective districts.

"Fortified by this explanation of our attitude, we consider we have the right to discuss some practices and tendencies that require correction or adjustment. They indicate a viewpoint of Masonic responsibility that, in our opinion, is lacking in dignity and in appreciation of the merits of our

institution. We regret to learn, for instance, that very few of the sitting Masters in the jurisdiction are able to confer all the degrees even when they have concluded their respective terms of office. Some of them, indeed, are scarcely able to officiate at all in that way. They rely on the Past Masters, and thereby give the impression that they themselves are merely figure-heads projected into prominence through the good-will of their brethren. Surely this is a condition for which a remedy must be provided. It will not be sufficient for Grand Lodge to lament the state of affairs, and to hope it will be overcome. The machinery must be devised, and used, to bring about this most essential reform. It may be that persuasion directed to the Past Masters will be sufficient, and that they will undertake, as a result, to correct the abuse. In the absence of such an undertaking it may be advisable to introduce a constitutional enactment that will compel remedial action of an effective kind.

"There is an unfortunate tendency on the part of some lodges to cut short the work of the degrees. This has attracted our attention more particularly in the First Masonic District, with which we have a better acquaintance. But we know the same condition prevails in the other districts. The ostensible purpose is to save time, but an explanation of that sort merely aggravates the offence. Plenty of time is wasted in other ways, and it would be more accurate to say that indifference, or perhaps indolence, is responsible. The ceremony of conferring degrees is the most impressive part of lodge work. No part of it should be eliminated, even though it may appear expedient to do so. If degree work cannot be completed at a particular meeting in the form decreed, it should not be undertaken at all at that meeting.

"The instruction of candidates in the work of the degrees leaves much to be desired. The necessity for careful tuition does not receive everywhere the serious attention which it deserves. This is not fair to the new members, and it is a serious reflection on the efficiency of the lodge. We have learned that in many cases no attempt is made to offer instruction in the work of the M.M. degree. Again we have to suggest that Grand Lodge arrange a work of reform. If Grand Lodge certificates were withheld until the W.M. and Secretary, over their signatures, certified that the members concerned had passed satisfactory examinations in open Lodge on the work of all the degrees, the difficulty might be overcome."

Total membership, 10,684; net increase, 476.

S. Y. T.

MARYLAND

The 137th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maryland was held at Baltimore, November 20, 1923. M.W. Bro. Warren S. Seipp, Grand Master.

This Grand Lodge holds semi-annual communications, which probably accounts for the brevity of their reports of committees, which of necessity make return twice a year.

The Grand Master suffered from illness during the year, compelling his absence at the semi-annual communication, but in spite of that he maintained an active oversight of the Craft in every department of the work.

The Grand Lodge of the Republic of Colombia, with its see at Bogota, received recognition.

The Grand Lecturer presents a brief but optimistic report. He mentions "that a fervent desire" exists amongst the officers to advance Masonic knowledge. They demand "instruction in the history, philosophy and literature of Masonry"—a healthy sign, the right way to advance. He makes reference to twenty-three per cent of the work of a lodge being courtesy work. Another lodge has relieved them for the time being. (I am curious.)

Maryland has decided to lay lines and make designs for a Masonic Home, and rules and regulations to guide the controlling committee have been added to the Constitution. I gather they intend to have the money in hand first and build afterwards. Therein is wisdom.

The R.W. Grand Correspondent gracefully acknowledges the sympathy of Grand Lodge during his illness, involving temporary retirement from his duties. This worthy brother has to his credit half a century of active service in Masonry in Grand Lodge and, in spite of this serious check to his work, has given a full report of foreign correspondence, interspersed with many pertinent observations, grave and gay.

Grand Lodge held a memorial service in the temple of Baltimore in honor of the late President of the United States, Bro. Warren Gamaliel Harding, which was so largely attended that a complete record of their attendance could not be obtained. The proceedings and service are given in full and must have been most impressive.

The laying of the cornerstone of the George Washington Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia, by the Grand Master of each Grand Jurisdiction in the United States, was a red letter day of the year among our American brethren, and M.W. Bro. Seipp expresses himself as proud beyond words of the Grand Lodge and Maryland Masons who assembled on that occasion. President Coolidge used the trowel that George Washington himself used when laying the cornerstone of the Capitol of the United States, and each Grand Master assisting was given a replica of the same. Grand Master Seipp presented his to Grand Lodge.

His address to Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication was brief. Its very brevity makes his strictures on want of action in admitting members more emphatic. He says: "More care at entrance would mean a less stringent exit"; "quality should never be sacrificed for quantity and if necessary cut your expenses so that quantity will have no part in your program." Here he places his finger on the spot. Too often the overhead expense, the lavish entertainment, the feverish anxiety to be up to date, eats into the resources of the lodge until the temptation to look to fees to help out finances the dues won't cover becomes so strong that the check is more closely scrutinized than the maker of it.

He also has a word to say about the giving of Masonic emblems as souvenirs: "It is to be deplored." "It cheapens the fraternity and makes it a laughing stock of our sacredness."

Alberta gets a double header. Two Annual Communications are noticed with liberal quotations from the addresses of M.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge of 1922, and M.W. Bro. Selwood of 1923, and also from the address of Bro. His Honor Judge Morrison, who made a remarkable speech to Grand Lodge in 1922 in Edmonton.

There is a plaintive note in Bro. Branch's remark "that Maryland Proceedings evidently fell by the way—no notice taken of us." Now,

Bro. Branch, just a moment. The worthy brother who heretofore labored in this department with such ability that the Craft had profit and the reporters pleasure therein, is not only Grand Secretary, but nearly every onerous duty that could be passed along was piled onto his willing shoulders until, for sheer shame's sake, it was agreed that some of the burden should be lifted. Maryland, with three others, fell to this cub reporter's lot, and while our notices are not up to the standard set by "S.Y." we will at least avoid in the future the imputation of cold neglect.

Inserted in the Proceedings is a page taken from the Iowa Proceedings, without comment, entitled "A Masonic Menace from Within." Space does not permit of a full reproduction. It is at once a warning and a strong repudiation of a member of "Joy-riding" organizations which insist upon their candidates being members of the Masonic fraternity before they can join. It says: "Because of the fact that their membership is composed of Masons only, the thoughtless Mason and the uninformed Mason alike conclude that these societies *are* Masonic, despite the fact that none of them have been either recognized or ratified by any governing Masonic body. They are thus practically parading under false pretences and practising a fraud on the innocent and unwary, thereby putting Masonry in a false light before the world.

Lodges, 120; members, 30,489; gain, 857

Grand Master, Warren S. Seipp, re-elected, Baltimore.

R.W. Grand Secretary, George Cook, re-elected, Baltimore.

J. H. W. S. K.

MICHIGAN

The 79th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan was held in the City of Kalamazoo, May 22nd and 23rd, 1923, M.W. Bro. Clarke W. McKenzie, Grand Master.

Before Grand Lodge was formally opened the M.W. the Grand Master ordered that the distinguished visitors in attendance be presented. These included Bro. Joseph Sinai, M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and Bro. John A. Deville, R.W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Bro. D. Van Iderstyn, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan.

Representative of Alberta, Bro. William H. Gallagher.

Eleven special Communications of this Grand Lodge were held for the purpose of laying cornerstones. Perhaps special mention should be made of the laying of the cornerstone for Detroit Masonic Temple. A laying of a cornerstone for any Masonic Temple is an event of unusual interest to the Grand Lodge, but on this occasion it took the form of a National Masonic Affair. The brethren in Detroit had hoped to be honored on this occasion by the presence of the Honorable and Bro. Warren G. Harding, and to have him take a part in the ceremony, but on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Harding he was unable to leave Washington. About 200,000 Masons were present at this ceremony. The Masons of Detroit and Wayne, numbering some 40,000, marched in a great parade preceding the ceremony.

As is very aptly mentioned, there is a wonderful future for Masonry in the District of Detroit if they see to it that the standard of their

Masonry measures up to the wonderful material structure which they are erecting in which to exemplify the teachings of our Institution.

A very large number of dispensations were granted and orders issued during the year. Among others, notice the following:

"Being convinced that the practice of holding circuses, fairs and bazaars, the raffling of automobiles, or any other commodity, and the use of punch boards for the distribution of prizes in connection with, and under the auspices of constituent lodges, is a reflection on Masonry and not in keeping with the principles of our Great Fraternity, I deem it my duty to issue this order, prohibiting such practice by any lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction on and after March 23rd, 1923.

"It is my firm conviction that the membership in our Grand Jurisdiction will never be found wanting when money is needed for any truly Masonic enterprise, and I am sure you will agree with me that we will have manifested in our Masonry a far greater spirit of harmony, with these undesirable things eliminated, than could possibly exist under the present conditions."

The Grand Master in his interesting address makes lengthy reference to the working of the Masonic Home, which appears to be doing admirable work. The Masonic Home, as far as it goes, is said to be as ideal as any to be found, but still the brethren are disinclined to rest on their oars, and it would seem from the correspondence of the Grand Master that the Masons of Michigan are anxious to go still farther in their efforts to extend real Masonic charity. The present Home is filled almost to capacity the greater part of the time, and the time has come for serious consideration to be given to the future of the Masonic Home. It would seem to be necessary at no distant date to either build additional buildings or purchase a piece of land and build a real Masonic Home that can be enlarged when necessity requires, and all on property belonging to the Grand Lodge. It was recommended that a committee of five be appointed by the incoming Grand Master to make a thorough investigation during the coming year and bring in at the next Annual Communication a definite and concrete proposition that can be acted upon at that session.

The Grand Master reports that he forwarded to the Worshipful Master of each lodge an information blank, asking several questions, among which was: "Have you any problem in connection with your Lodge in which I can be of service to you?" A number of the lodges seemed to have taken advantage of this and were in close and helpful communication during the year with the Grand Master. He remarks that upon compiling the information from the reports sent in, he was particularly struck with the large amount of unpaid dues, which amounted approximately to the sum of \$50,000, due to constituent lodges, a great portion of which was for members who owed over three years or more. This, he rightly considers, reflects on the credit of the lodge and in a good many cases during the year, the lodge officers have attempted to devise means for collecting these outstanding dues. This matter of arrears is a difficult one to handle, but it should receive the earnest attention of every lodge and some real attempt made to induce every member to recognize his financial obligations to his lodge.

In closing his address, the M.W. the Grand Master has the following to say:

"My closing thought to you, my brethren is this: The principles and ideals of Masonry are the same today as they have been since the con-

ception of the Institution, but the place Masonry will occupy in the eyes of the world will depend upon our daily actions as individual members. Upon us rests the responsibility of keeping Masonry where it belongs, so let us resolve that we will so reflect the ideals of Masonry in our everyday life that people as a whole will gain a favorable impression of the Institution, and that it can be said, someone has been bettered for having come in contact with and known us as men and as Masons."

An interesting report is given from the "North East Corner" the Bulletin of the Tuberculosis Sanatoria Commission of the M.W. Grand Lodges of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico, in which it sets forth the plan of spending \$12,500,000.00 including the building of a hospital with 5,000 beds. The plan is to take care of all tubercular Masons all over the United States. The first hospital will be built in the South West because of the large number of Masons already awaiting treatment there. The total estimated cost is \$12,500,000.00, which will provide 5,000 beds. It is intended to make this hospital the very best that can be built and the annual costs of operation is estimated at \$1,000.00 a bed, making a total cost, when the full capacity has reached 5,000 beds, \$5,000,000.00 a year. It will take from 5 to 10 years to carry out this program of building. The cost will be advanced by assessments on the membership of Masonic bodies in the United States, and they will be invited to participate in the movement by voting a small assessment for this purpose.

Number of Charter Lodges as at June 1, 1923, 476.

Total Membership, January 1, 1923, 134,071.

Net gain during 1922, 5,472.

E. D. C.

MINNESOTA

The Seventieth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at St. Paul in January, 1923.

M.W. Bro. Held, Grand Master, referred in his annual address to visits he had made to three Foreign Jurisdictions, namely,—Canada, North Dakota and Iowa.

He speaks with tempered approval of the Order of De Molay for Boys.

In reference to the Code he says that "more copies have been sold to individuals than ever before, which is very gratifying."

Four cases of relief are mentioned which came under the immediate notice of the Grand Master.

Two schools of instruction were held with good attendance and evident interest.

Seven new Lodges were constituted.

Thirteen cornerstones were laid including public schools, Masonic temples, public libraries, Shriners' hospital for crippled children, also an armory, a church and a court house.

The Grand Master travelled about fifteen thousand miles visiting the various Lodges.

Regrading his Decisions and Opinions we find the usual statement that reference to the Code would have obviated considerable work.

Among the Decisions we note the following:—A Lodge cannot make an appropriation for a picnic; that a brother tried and found guilty and fined by the Federal Court must be tried by the Lodge the same as in the case of any other Masonic offence; that abandonment and failure to support his wife although not specially mentioned in the Code is a Masonic offence inasmuch as it is a crime under the laws of the State; that a member in that State, but now living in another State and who has changed his name cannot have his membership card made out in the new name.

The Grand Master, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary and one of the Past Grand Masters, attended the Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association in Kansas City. The Grand Master speaks highly of the work being done by this Association. He refers to the work of the Board of Trustees formed to take charge of Masonic work among the patients at Rochester. Although the Committee had been formed only in the previous year contributions of \$2,750.00 had already been received. He recommended a permanent organization for this work.

Among the Grand Master's recommendations we note the following:

That a regulation be passed which would make it a Masonic offence for a man to petition for membership in other bodies known as Higher Degrees within one year from the time he was raised and before he had attended twelve regular Communications of a Lodge; that a minimum fee be established for all Lodges having concurrent jurisdiction in cities over 100,000; that a resolution be passed which would make it a Masonic offence punishable by expulsion for anyone to join any order that requires membership in the Blue Lodge in good standing as a prerequisite to its own membership if that order has not been recognized by this Grand Lodge. In this connection he refers to the audacity of using the Blue Lodges as a foundation to build up organizations over which the Blue Lodges have no control and says further:

"Many of these orders have splendid teachings, but they contain nothing that Masonry does not teach. It is time that we are getting back to our own philosophy again. In our mad rush for badges, plumes, and honors, we have gotten away from the teachings of our forefathers in this great work. In one of the Foreign Jurisdictions where one of these organizations was encouraged, it became so active that it sought to elect the officers of the Grand Lodge of that Jurisdiction and so control Masonry for its own ends. These organizations are not only useless, but they are a decided drain on all things undertaken by the Blue Lodge. They are a detriment, and I hope that you will pass some sort of legislation with teeth in it, that we may have this settled before they start in this State in any numbers."

This recommendation was approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence but was stood over for consideration until the following year.

The Grand Master deals at length with the Masonic Home Fund. It was intended to raise half a million dollars. Ninety thousand of this has already been raised. So far between twelve and fourteen persons have been looked after by the Home, but the response to the fund has not been satisfactory. The Masonic Home is owned and governed by the Home Corporation separate and distinct from Grand Lodge and the Home is not owned by Grand Lodge and in the opinion of the Grand Master it could not be made a success by Grand Lodge until Grand Lodge did own it.

The Grand Master urges the support of the Masons to the public schools of the country. He also urges the duty of Masons to observe the law, referring specifically to the eighteenth amendment. "Obedience or disobedience, respected and loyal citizens, or bootleggers and outlaws." As to Masonic service he says in part:

"The number of Masons raised by any one Master does not constitute service, or even accomplishment. You have missed your calling if you have conferred too many degrees and are proud of it."

The Grand Treasurer's Report for the year shows disbursements to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of \$4,900.00. Shows a total of Grand Lodge capital account of over \$204,000.

The report on Foreign Correspondence occupies one hundred and forty-eight pages. Alberta proceedings are reviewed at length.

316 lodges. Membership, 53,941.

Net increase for the year, 2,610.

E. T. B.

MISSISSIPPI

The 105th Annual Convocation of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi was held in the city of Jacksonville, on February 20th, 1923. M.W. Bro. Paul H. Murphy, Grand Master.

This Grand Jurisdiction sustained heavy losses by the deaths of Bro. William Roane, Past Grand Master, Bro. B. V. White, Past Grand Master and Grand Treasurer and Bro. Julius Yaretzky, Grand Tyler.

From the instructive address of the Grand Master, we quote the following:

"Numerous requests have been made to operate and confer degrees out of time, retaking the ballot, etc., all of which have been uniformly declined. While the law permits the Grand Master to set aside the By-laws and grant permission to ballot out of time and confer degrees, I do not think it wise to do so in order that any person may be hurriedly taken into Masonry. Masonry owes no man; on the other hand, all men owe much to masonry, and unless a petitioner is willing to follow the prescribed course in taking the degrees, it is pretty safe to infer that he will rarely ever mean much to the Institution, and it is still safer to infer that Masonry will never mean much to him.

"Ignorance of the Craft generally on matters of Masonic Law is appalling. During the year, I have received many questions which are plainly answered in the Constitution. If our Masters' Wardens and the Masons of the State could be induced to study the laws under which we operate, it would be a great relief to the office of the Grand Master and save him a vast amount of clerical work."

This applies to other jurisdictions than that of Mississippi.

"Masonry is something to be taken, neither lightly nor hurriedly. Every effort should be put forth to impress on the mind of the initiate, the seriousness of Masonry. We can never make Masons too fast, but alas, we can make members too fast. You know, my brethren, that I speak the truth when I say that too many men are knocking at our doors, not because of what they feel they can put into Masonry, not so much

because they are so anxious to become Master of Masons, but because they want to attain a position where they can rightfully wear the Emblem of the higher degrees."

It was suggested that no Master Mason be allowed to petition any of the higher bodies until one year has elapsed after taking the third degree.

The Law Committee submitted its report which was, with some amendments, adopted. From it we gather that a great many requests for opinions were addressed to the Committee during the early part of the year. Many of the questions involved were questions of fact, expediency, and policy, rather than questions of law.

In connection with decisions, we note the following:

"It is clearly obvious to the minds of your Committee, from many of the questions asked with reference to jurisdictions, physical qualifications and other similar points, which in our judgment seeks to invade the landmarks of Freemasonry, that some of the brethren are more interested in finding a way around the strict construction of the Law, rather than to accept the plain stern meaning of Masonic Law, to wit: That every human being is not eligible to the rights and benefits of Masonry, no matter how anxious that human being may be to get into Lodge. And if we are right in that conclusion, we feel that this policy of straining both the spirit and the letter of the Law to get some other individual into the Lodge should be discouraged by all well informed brethren."

With regard to the Order of DeMolay, the Grand Master states:

"During the year, I have issued only one edict, and that was to authorize any subordinate Lodge in the State to sponsor a Chapter of DeMolay. It occurred to me that since the Blue Lodge is the very foundation of all Masonry, that it should take a leading part in a movement to help save our boys and start them out in the right direction. In my travels over the State, I have heard of some criticism against my action in this matter. I cannot conceive how any Mason could feel that it was wrong for the Grand Lodge to sponsor such a movement. It is not a question whether a matter of this nature should be under the protection of any special department of Masonry, but rather a strife between all departments of, "Who can best work and best agree?" Our boys of today will be the men of tomorrow; on them must fall the duties and responsibilities of government, then why not give every ounce of good influence to help them start right? I am proud to have been the first Grand Master to exercise this influence for the benefit of our boys. I sincerely hope and believe that you will approve of what I have done in the premises."

There are 378 Charter Lodges in this Jurisdiction with a total membership, as at September 1st, 1923, of 31,146.

E. D. C.

MONTANA

The Fifty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Montana was held in the city of Butte on August 15th and 16th, 1923. M.W. Bro. Claude J. McAllister, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. McAllister gave a review of his own labors as Grand Master and of the condition of Masonry in his own jurisdiction in a com-

prehensive, scholarly and sympathetic address replete with beautiful and apt references and analogies which show him to be a man of deep sympathies, great learning and keen appreciation of the fundamental verities which form the basis of all human progress and especially so in Masonry.

Included in his annual message was a warm tribute to the memory of the late President, Warren G. Harding.

Illustrative of the Grand Master's outlook on things Masonic, we quote:

"A review of the Masonic world reveals the forward march of our Institution. As I look out over the broad, expansive field of Masonry I am convinced that our Fraternity is advancing, improving and broadening in its power and influence and keeping step with the march of mankind. Our Order has ever adjusted itself to the conditions and demands of every period making it effective in the fulfillment of the great purpose, justifying its existence. There is more of a concrete effort in motion to teach the young Mason his duty toward the Institution, what it really is and how to serve it best to make it effective in the affairs of men and applying its spirit and teachings to the problems of the day. There is developing a determined scrutiny in the selection of candidates having a tendency to eliminate the opportunist and the hypocrite. The wrath of man is the high tragedy of God. Sensing the imperative need of a greater knowledge of our Institution, its principles and lessons, at the close of a great world struggle for the mastery of right over wrong, an effective program of Masonic education was conceived and promulgated to arouse interest among the brethren to overcome that element of inertia and apathy which had crept silently into the Craft through the door of indifference and selfishness, which paralyzes Masonic thought and action. The greatest minds of the Craft realized that the future of Masonry rested in the bringing of the wisdom of the past to the service of the present, in teaching the truth which makes men free, "with malice towards none, with Charity for all." Manifesting by the quality of our private lives and by public service just what Masonry means and the character of citizens it produces, Masonry will continue in the future as a mighty body of men obligated and trained to make liberty, justice and brotherly love prevail in the world."

In the course of an appreciation of the active cooperation of the Past Grand Masters, we find the following sentiment:

"There are those in every institution who, having passed through the veils of experience in building up the structure to the highest standard, step aside to make way for others possessed of new ideas and methods. Having finished their labors they stand by, ready and willing to advise, not interfering, ever helping by their presence to instil confidence in those who follow in their train."

During his tenure of office Grand Master McAllister inaugurated a plan to raise by voluntary subscription from the Masons of Montana, spread over a period of five years, a fund of \$130,000.00, to make needed improvements to the present Masonic Home and establish in connection therewith a Hospital and Orphanage. The plan was approved by Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge adopted and gave legislative sanction to the following recommendation:

"That it shall be declared to be a Masonic offence for any Master Mason raised in this jurisdiction to petition for the degrees of the Royal

Arch Chapter or the Scottish Rite bodies until at least one year has elapsed from the date of his raising; that in addition such member must have passed an examination in the lecture of the third degree and attended at least twelve meetings of his lodge unless excused by his lodge upon proper showing of good cause for failure to attend such number of meetings."

The following rulings re issue of dimit were adopted by Grand Lodge following approval by the Jurisprudence Committee:

"The Brother applied for dimit, the same being granted by the lodge. The Secretary endorsed on the said dimit in red in a limitation to the effect that before it was accepted by another lodge to communicate with the lodge issuing the same; the dimit was returned to the lodge with the request that such notation be eliminated.

"Held,—First: A lodge cannot place any condition upon the issuance of a dimit as it must be absolute. The brother applied for a dimit and there being no charges against him and it being a dimit to become a non-affiliate, the lodge could grant or refuse it. Having granted the dimit, the lodge had no right to amend or condition by any endorsement tending to question its usefulness. Therefore, the lodge must recall the dimit, instructing the Master and Secretary thereof to issue a dimit in form as provided by our Code, page 110.

"Second: The lodge cannot rescind its action and retain a brother who has petitioned for a dimit because action by the lodge granting the dimit precludes reconsideration, having been once granted.

"Third: A brother to whom a dimit has been granted by a lodge in this Jurisdiction can petition any lodge in this or a sister jurisdiction for a restoration to membership, there being no time limit on the dimit of a non-affiliate.

"Fourth: A brother having regularly petitioned a lodge for a dimit and the lodge having granted the same, he cannot ask to have his petition withdrawn and elect to retain his membership in the lodge."

M.W. Bro. McAllister states that the Order of DeMolay has 17 Chapters in Montana with membership of 1,275. His hearty approval and endorsement is given to this Order and its work.

The report of the M.W. Bro. E. M. Hutchinson, Executive Secretary for Montana of the Masonic Service Association, disclosed that the brethren of Montana are firm supporters of this Association. A state wide programme of educational work was carried out at an expense of about \$2,500.00. Grand Lodge voted an appropriation of 25 cents per capita for Masonic Service Association purposes in Montana during the ensuing year and five cents per capita additional for the purposes of the National Association.

The dues of Grand Lodge were increased to \$2.50 per member, of which \$1.00 per capita goes to support the Masonic Home. For the purpose of establishing a building fund in connection with the Masonic Home the following recommendation was adopted:

"Beginning with the 20th day of August, 1923, every petitioner for the degrees of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction shall, in addition to the fees for the degrees, pay to the lodge the sum of Ten Dollars, which said sum shall accompany the petition and shall be transmitted to the Grand Secretary with the next monthly report after the election of the applicant. Such sum shall be turned over to the Masonic Home of Mon-

tana, to be placed to the credit of a building fund and shall be used for such purpose only. If the candidate is rejected, the sum so paid shall be returned to him."

This Grand Lodge accorded recognition to the Grand Lodge of Guatemala and the Grand Lodge of Ecuador but recommended that the application for recognition of the Grand Lodge of Argentine be made the subject of further consideration.

Total membership, 19,433. Net gain, 754.

F. S. S.

NEBRASKA

The Sixty-sixth Annual Communication was held at Omaha, Nebraska, June 5th, 6th and 7th, 1923.

The Grand Master's address is given by R. W. Bro. Charles A. Chapell, Deputy and Acting Grand Master.

This Grand Lodge lost by death its Grand Master within a few months after his installation and the first session was devoted to a memorial service.

The Grand Chaplain, V.W. Bro. Charles M. Shepherd pronounced the Eulogy which is printed in full. It is a beautiful tribute to the departed and those who read it must be impressed with the sterling worth of the late Grand Master.

At the conclusion of the memorial ceremonies a committee was appointed to place a wreath on the grave of the Illustrious dead. The Lodge then was called from labor until the afternoon as a mark of respect to the late Grand Master Wellman.

In opening his address the acting Grand Master makes a further tribute to his lost chief and alludes to the loss sustained by Grand Lodge by the passing of two of its former Grand Masters.

The questionnaire idea has reached this Grand Lodge and been put into practice but the form was not printed. I was somewhat curious to find out what this contained; but my curiosity was not satisfied. I much doubt the advisability of such a document.

Some of the questions are apt to be impertinent, and if the Committee on Character does its work as it should, the lodge should know more about the character of the applicant than questions as to what his father's occupation was or what church he attended, if any. There is always the human tendency to put ourselves in the best light possible, and some of the answers to the questions may be rather strained. In my opinion it is character that counts, not family history or place of birth. There is also the further danger that the Committee on Character may rely on the questionnaire and not properly fulfil their duties.

He refers to the good work being done by the custodian of the work and his assistants, and later on in the Proceedings is printed a rather lengthy report by the Grand Custodian.

While I believe that such work is of the highest importance, still there is danger that in seeking to perfect the word the spirit of Masonry may suffer, "For the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life." Should we not give more attention to urging the practice of Masonry every day and

every hour. So many of us are excellent Masons in the lodge room, but not nearly so good outside. The acting Grand Master's address is certainly a faithful recital of his official acts. Taking it up under such painful circumstances he carried on the work of his predecessor efficiently and well. The Grand Lodge did honor to itself in later electing him to the Grand East.

This Grand Lodge is doing a good work. It may well be proud of its Masonic and Children's homes.

I must congratulate the Committee on Promotion of the World's Peace. It is short, pithy and diplomatic. In his address the Deputy and acting Grand Master make five suggestions for amendment of the Constitution.

One suggests that each secretary and treasurer of the subordinate lodge be required to furnish bonds.

This is essential and by having Grand Lodge legislation on the subject removes the diffidence that subordinate bodies may have in requesting bonds from these officers. The committee approved of this and recommended that the Grand Lodge pay the premium on their bonds and that a committee be appointed to enquire into cost, form of bond, etc., and report at the next session of Grand Lodge.

The acting Grand Master makes eleven recommendations for amendment to the Constitution. One is, that before any subordinate lodge can circularize the other lodges on any subject, the circular must have the approval of the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge; another that there must be an interval of four weeks between conferring degrees. Another to provide for the withdrawal of a petition where the petitioner has physical disqualifications or the lodge has no jurisdiction. Of the three that I have mentioned the Committee on Jurisprudence reported acceptance of the first two and rejection of the last; but later in a supplementary report recommended its adoption so that all three were adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The acting Grand Master brings to the attention of Grand Lodge seven of his decisions.

He ruled that "it is not permissible for a Masonic Lodge to use its funds for organizing and conducting a Chapter of the Order of DeMolay nor to divert the lodge funds directly or indirectly for this purpose."

Under physical defects he ruled that a man with an artificial leg or one with only the thumb and one or two fingers on either the right or left hand was not eligible.

The Committee on Jurisprudence brought in a resolution condemning the Ku Klux Klan, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The resolution after the preamble is as follows:

"Therefore, Be It Resolved, That while this Grand Lodge recognized the right of all Masons to join or adhere to such church, creed, political party, social or other lawful and moral organizations, not Masonic in character, as to them seems best, yet this Grand Lodge does most strongly urge upon the Masons within this jurisdiction and the members of its subordinate lodges to absolutely refrain from affiliation with or joining or giving countenance to the organization known as the 'Ku Klux Klan' or to any like organization which partakes of the characteristics described above, and urges them to loyally support all lawful efforts to suppress such organizations and to aid in the lawful punishment of such as engage

in these unlawful practices; and if any of our Masons have become members of the 'Ku Klux Klan' we counsel them to at once withdraw therefrom and to have no further connection therewith. One of the first lessons taught us as Masons is loyalty to God, State, and Country, and to conform with cheerfulness to the government of the country in which we live and to which we, as Masons, owe so much.

Let us ever remember that a large majority of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and the framers of the Constitution were Masons—to their teachings let us ever be true."

There is no equivocation or quibbling about this language. It is straight from the shoulder. Masonry must stamp out all intolerance, despotism or mob rule. The foundation of Masonry is Tolerance, Liberty and Brotherly Love, with which the K.K.K. is undoubtedly opposed.

The Grand Lodge has a Masonic Home and a Children's Home, both being most successfully conducted.

On March 31st, 1923, there was a total membership of 38,642, an increase for the year of 1,262.

In the Report on Foreign Correspondence Alberta Proceedings for year 1921-2 were reviewed.

George A. Chappell, Grand Master.

Francis E. White, Grand Secretary.

H. C. T.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The 134th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was held at Freemason's Hall, Concord, on May 16th, 1923, with M.W. Bro. Walter G. Africa, Grand Master, presiding. Alberta was not represented.

We quote from the Grand Master's address as follows:

"We have been fortunate, indeed, as to the character and ability of the men who in the past have presided over our deliberations; men who gave freely of their time, thought and energy to assist in the building of this great institution of ours, which teaches reverence for the Grand Architect of the Universe, Friendship and Brotherly Love.

"Men from all walks of life have sought admission into the quiet and peace of our Fraternity. The influence of our teachings upon the minds of nearly three million members in this country must have had an unquestioned stabilizing effect upon the thoughts and actions of others in our country, especially during the past few years when the clouds seemed to envelop the whole world.

"Notwithstanding the unsettled business conditions throughout the state during the past year we have grown from 14,186 to 14,505, a net gain of 319."

Necrology claims a larger space, we notice, in the older Grand Lodges than with us, as is to be expected. Fitting tributes are paid to those Masons who have lived their lives according to the tenets of the Order and passed to the Grand Lodge above.

The reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters show Masonry to be in a prosperous and hopeful condition. The membership is given as 14,505, an increase of 319 for the year.

An excellent review of foreign correspondence is given by R.W. Bro. Harry N. Cheney, a master in this work, as he states it is his seventeenth report. Alberta is discriminatingly reviewed.

M.W. Brother Frederick E. Everett, Concord, Grand Master.

R.W. Brother Harry M. Cheney, Concord, Grand Secretary.

C. V. B.

NEW JERSEY

The 136th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was opened at the City of Trenton on the 18th of April, 1923. M.W. Bro. Arthur Potterton, Grand Master. Alberta was represented by W. Bro. Samuel S. Treadwell.

Eighteen Emergent Communications of this Grand Lodge were held during the year. Thirteen for the purpose of constituting new lodges, one for the purpose of performing the Rites of the Fraternity over the remains of R.W. Bro. William Peiffer Weiser, Past District Deputy Grand Master, and four for the purpose of laying the cornerstones of new Masonic Temples at Patterson, Vineland, Union, and Highland Park. A number of distinguished brethren from the Sister Grand Jurisdiction of Grand Delaware were present, including M.W. Bro. Charles A. Bamberger, Grand Master; R.W. Bro. E. W. Cooch, Deputy Grand Master; R.W. Bro. H. W. Lowe, Senior Grand Warden; R.W. Bro. W. S. Allmond, Junior Grand Warden; M.W. Bro. T. J. Day, Past Grand Master; M.W. Bro. S. J. Horn, Past Grand Master, and M.W. Bro. Townsend Scudder, Past Grand Master of New York.

The Grand Master reports that:

"It is a source of gratification to me to be able to report that there have been no dissensions during the past year and that peace and harmony prevail to a marked degree."

Of this the Grand Master is well qualified to speak, for he visited every section of his jurisdiction and paid no less than 138 visits to lodges in New Jersey—a very worthy record, especially in view of the large number of Emergent Grand Communications and the many visits he made to sister jurisdictions.

From the Grand Master's address we quote the following:

"There can be no doubt that Relief is one of the three principal tenets of Masonry, and the only one that calls for a material sacrifice. Throughout the Craft, as well as those not in our Fraternity, the belief is general that Masonry teaches charity and helpfulness, and that belief is responsible for the high regard in which Masonry has so long been held. Many of those who have had opportunities to observe and who cared to do so, have been forced to admit that the per capita outlay for charitable objects has not kept pace with the material prosperity of our lodges, while on the other hand, the expenditures usually classed as "Refreshments and Entertainment" have increased to such an extent as to create in the mind of the newly made member the thought that Masonic Lodges are little, if anything, more than social bodies, whose efforts are directed, not to help-

ing the broken and helpless, to be found all around us, who know little else but want, hunger and discouragement, but to providing dances, amusements and refreshments for the members.

"Is Masonry to decline to a mere source for supplying these demands? Can nothing be done to impress our brethren that the funds of a lodge, beyond paying necessary expenses, are a sacred trust, and to be expended only in the way called for by our tenets and teaching?

"During the past year almost \$150,000 was expended by our lodges for entertainment and refreshment, while only one-third of that amount was expended for charity.

"It is my belief that this is wrong—a wrong that will soon work incalculable injury to our Fraternity. With a showing like that what chance have we to attract to our ranks the solid, serious and charitable men we so seriously need, and who alone can keep our Fraternity on the high level it has occupied in the past."

"To have reached the high place that Masonry has attained in the respect of the world—even among our enemies—is one thing, but to keep that place is quite another thing. The first was the work of many generations of earnest men who saw in Masonry only an enlarged opportunity for doing good in the world; the second is for the present in our hands, and no greater responsibility can ever come to us. Is this responsibility being met as it should be when we find so large an amount expended for entertainment and refreshment, and such a comparatively small amount for Charity, as was reflected in the financial statements of the lodges for last year?"

The report of the Masonic Home Committee shows the Home to be in a healthy condition and the members of the committee should be congratulated on the completion of the South Wing, which has made it possible to receive all guests, whose admission had hitherto been impossible for lack of accommodation in the building.

Lofty and inspiring addresses were delivered by M.W. Bro. C. A. Bamberger and M.W. Bro. Townsend Scudder, Past Grand Master of New York, both of which must have proved most interesting and instructive to those who were privileged to listen to them.

Membership as at January 1st, 1923, 73,854; net gain during year, 5,038.

E. D. C.

NEW MEXICO

The Forty-fifth Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico was held in Albuquerque on February 19th, 1923, M.W. Bro. Lucius Dills, Grand Master, presiding.

After an eloquent tribute to the dead, the Grand Master expressed gratification at the healthy growth and generally satisfactory condition of Masonry in his jurisdiction.

We notice that the question of physical qualification arose and called for his decision.

He recommended that the degree of Past Master be revived by the Grand Lodge, but this recommendation was not endorsed.

The Grand Master was able to visit twenty-eight lodges during his term of office in addition to performing other work devolving upon him.

The membership as at December 31st, 1922, was 5,975, a net gain of 345 for the year.

A report submitted to the Grand Lodge in favor of extending fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge Valle De Mexico was not endorsed.

Charters were granted for three new lodges during the year, bringing the total number of lodges up to fifty-two. The Proceedings of fifty-one Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed, but Alberta does not find a place.

M.W. Brother Joseph Gill, Clayton, Grand Master.

R.W. Brother Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

C. V. B.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge were held in September and December, 1922, and March and June, 1923, also three Special Communications.

M.W. Bro. William Thompson has been Grand Master in this jurisdiction for nine years. Referring to the comparative ease with which candidates were accepted in the early history of the Order, he says: "I wanted to make it harder to be accepted in a Masonic Lodge than to gain admission to any other body of men imaginable." This the M.W. Grand Master believes to have been accomplished.

A large Masonic Temple was erected at Sydney and paid for by the tax of one guinea on each member admitted to the Order. The M.W. Grand Master advocates that this guinea tax be maintained and the proceeds used for the upkeep of their Masonic Schools.

At the December Communication Grand Lodge presented the Grand Master with a cheque for over £1,100 as a mark of their appreciation of his services.

The Grand Treasurer reports the total amount to the credit of Grand Lodge funds at over £185,000.

The Board of Benevolence paid out for the year over £5,300.

During the year ending June, 1923, 53 new lodges were consecrated, 23 Masonic Temples dedicated and 13 foundation stones laid by Grand Lodge officials.

Seventy-three pages of the Appendix are devoted to reports and statistical information of the Freemason and Benevolent institution for the permanent relief of aged, distressed or infirmed Masons and their wives or widows in that jurisdiction.

The President of the Association in his address deals at length and most emphatically with the fact that it appeared in that jurisdiction that a great many widows and young children have been left dependent on the Order and that the committee upon inquiry has found that no reasonable attempt had been made by the late brethren to provide for their wives and families, but had assured their wives "that the Masons would look after them in the future." The Chairman points out that the man who would evade his responsibility in that way is not the class of men wanted

in Freemasonry, and describes it as nothing short of a scandal that men who attend their lodges and pose as good Masons should so far neglect their duty to their home as to make no provision for them.

He also refers to the class of cases where application is made for relief by members whose own children are married and self-supporting, but refuse to furnish any support to their parents, leaving it to the Masonic Order to provide for them.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is published at length and unlike those of most other jurisdictions is a digest of the work of the committee dealing with the various phases of Masonic activities appearing in the reports of sister jurisdictions. The report is most interesting, competently digested and well written. The ground is covered under the following headings among others:

The Condition of the Order; Australasian Masonry; British Freemasonry; George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association; Masonic Homes; Relief and Benevolence; Recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges; Grand Orient of Italy; Grand Orient of Turkey; The Rising Sun; Jurisprudence; Physical Qualifications; Masonic Education; The Ku Klux Klan; Blue Masonry in Danger; Masonic Service Association; Masonic Poetry; Necrology; Employment Bureaux; As Others See Us; Veterans and Veteran Associations; Masonic Miscellanea.

Quoting the Proceedings of one jurisdiction dealing with the matter of giving the knocks in lodges the report says: "some Masters and Wardens knock as if their chief aim was to break up the furniture."

For the information of the members the full certificate of incorporation of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is published. In reference to that it is noted that Washington was the only President of the United States who served as Master of a lodge while President.

Particulars of a number of Masonic Homes are given in various jurisdictions.

Dealing with benevolent activities in this jurisdiction, which did not favor the Masonic Home plan, Alberta is quoted at great length and full accounts are given of the methods pursued in different states and provinces.

Under the heading of Jurisprudence, two pages of the report are devoted to a reprint of the Alberta Questionnaire for candidates.

The question of smoking in lodges would seem to be a matter of discussion in some jurisdictions.

The various views and decisions dealing with the old question of physical qualifications is taken up at length and is summed up by the committee thus:

"And so this question remains one which each Grand Lodge deals with in its own way, and it may be said there is no one way which may be said to be the Masonic way."

Masonic education is dealt with at length and in this connection the work of the jurisdiction of Saskatchewan in Canada in founding scholarships is reviewed at length and strongly commended, the object being that those who obtain these scholarships shall devote themselves to scholastic work in various centres of the provinces with a view to the raising of the educational standard of the people and the ingraining into them of sound, patriotic and moral ideals.

The Order of DeMolay is not referred to with approval mainly on the ground that it is simply one more Order of the many which are trying to attach themselves in some manner and build upon Masonry.

The American Masonic Service Association is dealt with at length and with approval.

From the selections of Masonic Poetry we quote the following translation of a Maori hymn to the Creator:

(Note:—The last two lines of the first verse should be repeated with each succeeding verse.)

Lord, whom our wandering fathers bore
From sea to sea—from shore to shore
And sacred manna gave;
When far upon the trackless main,
They cried aloud to Thee, nor vain,
Thou did'st their wearying hearts sustain.
Oh, Rangi! Rongo! Tane! Tu!
Be with us still, however few.

Be with us, Lord, nor set at naught
The precepts our forefathers taught,
As our inheritance.
Thy deeds recited oft and sung
In ancient home and mother tongue
Ere deeds of bitterness had sprung.

Thy many titles, Lord, are found
Above, beneath and all around.
Oh, Rangi! "Heavenly One."
Thy name of Rongo—"Prince of Peace,"
Tane—who lifts the world with ease,
Tu, where dread vengeance sets her crease.

Lord! Thou hast known us through all time,
Of every sea and land and clime,
Thou art the pilgrim's hope.
Our infant lives were vowed to Thee
With sprinkling branch of sacred tree.
Me tohu e koe tou iwi.

Shrine of the Kura, treasure rare,
The seal of truth in earth and air
From Hawaiki's font.
Lord of the city, camp and plain,
Lord of the mighty—guard, maintain.
Hear us! The flax fast smokes amain.

Lord of the Nations! 'twas to Thee
Our fathers earthed the sacred tree,
The ever-blessed toi.
In Thee our tribes were blest of old,
Thy boundless greatness e'er extolled,
This remnant, pitying Lord, behold!

As twilight breaks—Oh, Lord of Day!
Pierce with a shaft of brightest ray
Shine in our aching hearts.

Support us with Thy guiding hand,
Teach us to know and understand
Thy power and wisdom, wrought and planned.

Lord! Teach us still to watch and pray,
For that blest time when owned Thy sway,
In all the toiling earth.
From Hawaiki's old estate
Oh, may Thy wisdom permeate,
Throughout our councils small and great.

Lord! Take our struggling spirits hence
And lay not up our soul's offence,
For future punishment.
But to Thy mansion in the skies,
Oh, bear us swift as lightning flies,
To share Thy home in paradise.

Lord, when our circle is complete,
Be Thou our centre of retreat,
Its Pillar and its Base.
E'en as our spirits sink to earth,
Oh, grant the soul its bright re-birth,
To blend in pureness with Thy worth.
Oh, Rangi! Rongo! Tane! Tu!
Be with us still, however few.

481 lodges. Membership, 50,638.

M.W. Bro. William Thompson, Sydney, Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Arthur H. Bray, Sydney, Grand Secretary.
E. T. B.

NEW YORK

The 142nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York was held in the Grand Lodge Room, Masonic Hall, City of New York, on May 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1923. Grand Master Arthur S. Tompkins presided. Alberta's representative was not present.

The address of Grand Master Tompkins was not only an informative review of his activities as Grand Master, but a statesmanlike message to the Masons of New York and the world at large, which might very profitably be read by every Mason who has the welfare of the Universal Craft at heart. In the introductory paragraphs we find the following:

"We are all to be congratulated upon the wonderful growth of our fraternity during the past few years, and that growth, I believe, has been in character as well as in numbers. The spirit of fraternity and brotherhood has taken hold of the world in this generation as never before in the world's history. There is more of the fraternal spirit—more of the spirit of service—more of the spirit of giving and doing for others—more of the unselfish spirit than ever before since time began, and Freemasonry, the oldest and largest and strongest of all the brotherhoods of the world, has had a large part in the moulding of this spirit, and should be the first and the most effective leader in the field of human service, not confining its activities within its own borders—not limiting its benefactions

to its own members, but making its charities and ministrations as boundless as the wants and needs of our fellow creatures—and, if I mistake not the signs of the times, if I correctly measure the sentiment of our Craft as expressed in its responses to recent appeals, in its generous support of our Grand Lodge activities, in its eagerness to manifest, at every reasonable opportunity, the spirit of Masonry—our Fraternity will fulfill its mission and justify its antiquity and become a still greater power and more potential force for the pacification of the world.”

To the Masonic institutions now functioning for the aged, the sick and the young, the Grand Master recommends the establishment of a tuberculosis sanatorium in the Adirondacks.

Speaking of the work of the Bureau of Social and Educational Service, the Grand Master says:

“The Bureau is promoting lodge libraries—this is an important subject. Every lodge should have a Masonic library, and many of our brethren have in their homes books on Masonic subjects that might be donated to their lodges and made the nucleus of a lodge library.”

Referring to the Masonic Service Association, we quote:

“This Association is doing splendid work in putting before the brethren in attractive and practical form the history, philosophy and obligations of our fraternity and emphasizing our duties to God, our country and our fellowmen! . . . It is the means for a closer and stronger brotherhood of the Masonic jurisdictions of this country and the medium for a better understanding of Masonic opportunity and service.”

After referring to the contribution of \$30,000 by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York for the benefit of the Adirondack Tuberculosis Sanatorium in highly appreciative terms, the Grand Master says:

“We are anxious to have, and we need a closer union and a better co-ordination and more co-operation between the various bodies that are the outgrowth of and are dependent for their existence upon the symbolic lodge. Until recently, the Grand Lodge representing, and with the means supplied by the symbolic lodges, has established and maintained practically all of our Masonic charities, and generally, if a brother is in need, it is to his lodge that he appeals and when death comes it is to the lodge his dependent ones go for help and practically all our Masonic ministrations are through the medium of the blue lodges and the Grand Lodge.”

We quote further:

“A distinguished member of our Craft recently wrote as follows: ‘The first and highest allegiance of every Mason should be to his blue lodge. From her he draws his Masonic life. He promised her allegiance before he became acquainted with any other organization called Masonic, and when he allows anything else to dampen his ardor or divide his allegiance to her, he is violating the obligation he took at her altar. It is the blue lodge that makes Masonry worth while.’ A sentiment in which I heartily concur. Loyalty to the symbolic lodge and the Grand Lodge in all its worthwhile activities is the first duty of every Mason.”

The Grand Master approves the practice in some lodges of presenting a copy of the Holy Bible to each candidate upon his receiving the sublime degree and uses these words:

"It is a beautiful and significant custom to give to everyone raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason a copy of the Great Light in Masonry. We are told that the Bible is given as the rule and guide for our faith and practice in life, and what could be more appropriate or better calculated to make a lasting impression upon the newly made Mason than to receive from his lodge as he stands at the sacred altar a suitable copy of the Book of books?"

A very interesting account is given of the visit in August, 1923, of the Grand Master and the special commission authorized by Grand Lodge in 1922, to Finland to institute a lodge of Masons, Suomi No. 1, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York. This Special Commission made investigations regarding the character of Foreign Masonic Jurisdictions in Europe outside of the British Isles. In the course of these enquiries R.W. Bro. Ossian Lang instituted three lodges in the City of Bucharest, Roumania, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York.

A lengthy review of the correspondence carried on by former Grand Master Farmer concerning the Masonic International Association is given, following which the Grand Master gives his own views, from which we quote:

"I believe that it is our Masonic duty to promote the cause of universal Freemasonry by an Association of all the legitimate Masonic Jurisdictions of the world. We should not be content to confine our activities and limit the scope of our influence and ministrations to our own country; ours is a world-wide mission; we boast of the universality of Freemasonry; we constitute our lodges and dedicate our temples in the name of universal benevolence. In the dedicatory ceremony we pray that our fraternity everywhere may be inspired to such deeds of benevolence as shall prove a constant joy to all mankind. The world needs the ministrations of Masonry now as never before. The world is suffering from the consequences of the war and will for generations to come. The spirit of strife is abroad in the world. National hatred, racial hatred, class prejudices, religious hatred and individual hatreds are the curse of humanity and a blight upon the civilization of the Twentieth Century, and the world needs the influences of religion and the precepts of the Great Light in Masonry and the practical application of the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man to cure its ills and heal its wounds and calm the passions and subdue the prejudices of men and classes of men and nations and to bring concord, peace and happiness to all nations. These are the only forces that can reach and regenerate the hearts of men and transform their brutal, selfish and intolerant instincts into the attributes of love and service and toleration, and we American Masons should welcome every opportunity to extend our activities and influences throughout the world.

"We are opposed to a super Grand Lodge or any International Association that would dominate our own or any other Grand Jurisdiction, but I am in favor of a voluntary association or league of the legitimate Masonic jurisdictions of the world upon fundamental principles as to which all can agree and upon the common platform of universal brotherhood, without surrendering or compromising any of our own ideals or landmarks and from which association any Grand Jurisdiction may withdraw at any time for any reason or for no reason."

Grand Lodge voted to forthwith consummate its membership in the Masonic International Association.

From his concluding remarks we take this declaration of Masonic principles:

"In conclusion I want to urge upon our brethren throughout our Grand Jurisdiction the importance of holding fast to the traditions and preserving the landmarks and ancient charges of our Great Fraternity and not permitting the good name of our fraternity to be stained by association with any organization or group of men whose mission it is under the guise of Americanism to promote and cultivate the spirit of religious and racial hatred and bitterness. The cornerstone of Freemasonry is the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man and by the Holy Bible, the Great Light in Masonry, we are taught 'that of one blood made He all the nations of the earth.' Masonry recognizes the right of every man to worship God freely and according to the dictates of his own conscience and in his own way and according to the forms and ceremonies of his choice. This is not only sound Masonic doctrine, but it is one of the foundation stones upon which our Republic was established. Religious liberty, equality of opportunity and the equal protection of the law for all creeds, classes and men of all nationalities who come to our shores, are not only cardinal American principles but are expressly guaranteed by the fundamental law of the land and any group or society that undertakes to usurp the law and substitute itself for the duly constituted instrumentalities of government and interferes with property rights or inflicts punishment or attempts to redress real or imaginary wrongs, without due process of law is not only unAmerican and unMasonic but is essentially lawless."

Grand Lodge accorded recognition to the Grand Orient of Italy. During the session M.W. Bro. Domizio Torrigiani, Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Italy, delivered a very interesting address to the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge also voted:

(a) To extend and establish fraternal relations with each of the three regular Masonic Grand Lodges of Colombia and authorized an exchange of representatives.

(b) To grant official recognition to and establish fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Guatemala and authorized an exchange of representatives.

(c) To grant official recognition to and establish fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Venezuela known as the Gran Logia de los Estados Unidos de Venezuela with headquarters at Caracas and authorized an exchange of representatives.

Appended to the report of the Grand Historian, R.W. Bro. Ossian Lang, is a very instructive report entitled "The Beginnings of Freemasonry in Ireland."

In the review of Proceedings of Grand Lodges appear several appreciative comments on Alberta's Proceedings of 1922. We quote:

"The Grand Lodge of Alberta is determined that, so far as its jurisdictional authority is concerned, Freemasonry shall adhere closely to the ideals set before it in the best traditions of the Craft. Therein rests its strength, and therein is found the promise of growing achievement which will redound to the glory of the Fraternity everywhere."

Included in this review is a brief account of Freemasonry in Continental Europe, covering Central European countries and Holland, also

supplemental memoranda on Mexico, Argentine Republic, Grand Orient of France, Portugal, Bulgaria and a historical summary of the Grand Orient of Turkey, followed by informative tables of Masonic statistics. As an addendum to the report is set out the report of the special commission to inquire into the status, character and present conditions in certain European Masonic Grand Jurisdictions.

Grand Master Tompkins and other elective officers of Grand Lodge were all re-elected by acclamation.

Number of lodges, 921; total membership, 286,594; net gain, 13,960.

F. S. S.

NEW ZEALAND

The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Wellington, November, 1923. M.W. G.M. Bro John Rushworth, Viscount Jellicoe, presided.

The M.W. Bro. Viscount Jellicoe was re-elected Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The total cash balance to the credit of Grand Lodge at the end of September, 1923, was £81,004.

The Board of Benevolence reports payments for the year of over £1,018. Four general appeals were made to the lodges sanctioned by the Pro-Grand Master on the advice of the Board. In sixty-four cases particulars of the families for whose benefits the appeals were made were given to the lodges.

The Board of Management of the Widows', Orphans' and Aged Masons' Fund reported full details of annuities amounting in all to over £4,411 per annum, which was ratified by Grand Lodge.

The Board of General Purposes held eleven meetings during the year, and in its annual report deals with a wide variety of matters covering most of the activities of the Fraternity.

The newly installed G.M., M.W. Bro. Viscount Jellicoe, in his annual address referred to the increase in the total cash balance of Grand Lodge funds of £3,236 and noted increase in membership for the year of 1,186. The total membership on September 30, 1923, being 21,285, with 11 new lodges constituted, the membership of the Craft in New Zealand being approximately one in sixty per capita of the population. He refers to the large number of Masonic Temples being built. We quote the following from the Grand Master's address:

"Those principles of brotherly love, relief, truth, temperance, fortitude, prudence, justice, loyalty, and obedience to lawful authority, are what we should strive to practice, and he who does so successfully is indeed worthy of the name of Freemason; he becomes a strong influence for good, and acts as an example to his fellow men, which, if followed, will make for the common welfare and the happiness of mankind.

"The power and influence of Freemasonry is just what Freemasons choose to make it. It can be a great force in the world for good, uplifting and elevating, bringing comfort, light and happiness to all. Alternatively, it can become merely a body practising secret signs and symbols, with a ritual beautiful in itself but meaningless unless it leads to the practice of what is preached."

The reports of the Provincial Grand Masters, corresponding to our District Deputies, are printed in full.

Full detailed reports of Grand Lodge from its inception and of the subordinate lodges are published in the annual report. There appears to be no Report on Foreign Correspondence.

251 lodges. Total membership, 21,320. Net increase, 1,186.

M.W. Bro. Viscount Jellicoe, Wellington, Grand Master.
Col. George Barclay, Christchurch, Grand Secretary.

E. T. B.

NORTH CAROLINA

The 136th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was held at the City of Raleigh, on the 16th day of January, 1923, and was opened in ample form by M.W. Bro. James H. Webb, Grand Master. Alberta was not represented.

The Grand Master's address contains a general review of his administration, and deals in some detail with certain matters brought before him. We quote therefrom the following:

"During the year dispensations have been granted for the establishment of new lodges under dispensation, as follows:"

A list is given of such lodges and the Grand Master resumes:

"Before recommending charters for these lodges, I hope the committee will require the proficiency certificates demanded with the dispensations. All the above applications had conformed to the requirements of the Code, but I fear many of them have little prospect of advancing Masonry, and I recommend that in future at least twenty-five members be the minimum for establishing a new lodge and that the fees be increased. It is detrimental to the Order to support new (and weak) lodges with members drawn from nearly weak lodges."

Encouraging statements are made concerning the William J. Hicks Memorial Hospital at Oxford Orphan Asylum. The Oxford Orphan Asylum appears to be ably and efficiently operated and is carrying on a noble work. Its activities are described under four heads:

1. "It stimulates education by directing the attention of parents to the value of learning.

2. "It takes helpless orphans away from vices to which they are exposed; away from the ignorance, in which they are groping; away from the extreme destitution which many of them suffer; and away from the sad and shameful slavery, which many of them so patiently endure. It gives them a pleasant home, sufficient food and comfortable clothing. Efficient scholastic instruction and sound moral lessons are day by day improving their minds and hearts, and guiding their inexperienced feet in the ways of wisdom and virtue.

3. "It checks popular avarice and restrains the love of money, the ruling passion of the people. It opens and widens the channels of benevolence and gladdens the hearts of those who have felt themselves friendless and forsaken.

4. "It teaches the world that Masonry means love, relief and truth; that Masonic signs are eyes of pity for the poor; ears opened to the cry for help, mouths ready to condemn the wrong, defend the right and comfort the afflicted; hands helping the needy, and feet going on errands of love and mercy. Genuine Masonry compels its votaries to go about doing good, and the Orphan Asylum is a perpetual appeal to the charity of every human heart, a never ceasing sermon on the beauty of benevolence, and a blessed benediction on the heads of every cheerful giver."

The Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Greensboro is most competently managed and the care it provides for aged brethren and their wives and widows is splendid. The report of the work done in the Cottage Homes is also very encouraging and the superintendent is impressed with the advantage of having cottage mothers in charge. At present there are nine who devote their time to the care of a cottage and 36 to 40 boys and girls.

With reference to Masonic Education, the Grand Master says:

"One of the most important and vital necessities is Masonic Education. The splendid Educational Committee appointed two years ago, after having done its best to get a constructive program of study undertaken by the lodges has regretfully admitted its inability to handle the situation efficiently. It has, therefore, recommended the employment of a full time Educational Secretary to introduce into lodges a worth-while programme of Masonic study. Probably the most striking deficiency in North Carolina Masonry is the lack of instruction given to our candidates, not only in the ritualistic and unwritten work, but in the great foundation principles of our Order. I most strongly recommend the employment of an Educational Field Secretary to inform the brethren generally upon the great background of brotherhood, loyalty to government, the milk of human kindness and charity. This secretary should devote his entire time to inspirational addresses to the Craft (and at times to the general public) interpreting the higher ideals, philosophical principles and aspirations of our time-honored institution."

The Proceedings of this Grand Lodge contains no report on Foreign Correspondence.

There are reports from twenty-six of the forty-four District Deputy Grand Masters, and from these we quote the following:

"It cannot be truthfully said that there is more than a normal interest in Masonry in this district, though I am convinced that the ballot box is being watched more closely than usual, which is as it should be."

"I find that the majority are not very enthusiastic, but rather lukewarm, as the attendance at the majority of the lodges that I have visited has been very small, and although I found that what few were present manifested an interest in the work, the percentage was so small that but little could be accomplished."

"A Mason by definition is a builder. A builder is a constructive agent. If a Mason is not a constructive force in his community, he is not a real Mason; he is simply a member of the lodge. If a Mason is to be a builder in his community, he must be made intelligent with reference to the forces and agencies at work in his community for the public good so that he may intelligently line up with and co-operate with them instead of, because of ignorance, hindering and opposing them. This to me is 'Light in Masonry.'"

Number of lodges in the jurisdiction, 453. Total membership, 39,826.

E. D. C.

NORTH DAKOTA

The Thirty-fourth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Grand Forks, July 19th to 21st, 1923. M.W. Bro. Edwin A. Ripley, Grand Master, presided.

The address of the M.W. the Grand Master is a concise, business-like and well-written account of his official acts during his year of office. From this report it appears:

That District Meetings were held in all districts in the jurisdiction, were well attended and enthusiastic and have been very productive of harmony and co-operation among the lodges.

That the Ku Klux Klan is making no headway among the Masons of North Dakota.

That the Order of DeMolay has ten chapters with a membership of 400.

That while increase in membership is not large, growth and development in the true work of the Craft has been satisfactory.

M.W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary, presented a very able and instructive report covering the statistical and educational phases of the Condition of Masonry in this jurisdiction. We quote his reference to his visit to the Grand Lodge of Alberta:

"At the very urgent and insistent invitation of Grand Secretary S. Y. Taylor of Alberta, and with the cordial approval of Grand Master Ripley, we went to Calgary last week to attend the Grand Lodge of Alberta and make the principal address at their Grand Lodge dinner. While the distance was great, the time not entirely opportune, and the strain very considerable, it was in many ways one of the finest of our Masonic experiences. The genuine cordiality of our reception, the many courtesies, the generous and sympathetic response to our message amply repaid the long trip and the fatigue incident to it.

"The Grand Lodge of Alberta has now over one hundred and thirty lodges and twelve thousand members. The officers, Past Grand Masters, and Representatives are a high grade body of men. Grand Master Selwood's address was especially fine. Most of their business is in the hands of their Board of General Purposes and is prepared in advance of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge promptly records its approval. Practically all of the business was dispatched the first day. Their Benevolent Fund amounts to nearly \$100,000, and they have been a Grand Lodge only eighteen years. The Grand Lodge dinner was provided by the ten city lodges of Calgary, representing twenty-two hundred Master Masons. It was given in the great banquet hall of the Palliser Hotel, one of the many magnificent Canadian Pacific Railroad Hotels. Following the dinner, which was an elaborate one, there was fine community singing and a high grade literary and musical program preceding the address. Grand Master Selwood spoke, and Past Grand Master Dr. Thornton, who was also a guest at this Grand Communication, made a telling speech. He had spoken at the afternoon session on the Legend of the Master Mason Degree in a most interesting manner. It was 10:15 when your Grand Secretary rose to speak. The audience numbered about six hundred Master Masons and they did your Grand Secretary the honor to listen to his message on 'The Present Challenge to Freemasonry' with close attention and with sympathetic interest. It was now twelve when the Craft dispersed, but be it understood that we did not occupy all the time. The intense enthusiasm of these brethren for the best things in Masonry,

their forward looking attitude and their demand for international comity and good-will will carry them far. Grand Secretary Taylor is a very efficient officer and a most courteous gentleman. We were also the guest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alberta at a noon-day luncheon. It was a day packed full from morning to morning again, and we greatly regretted that the time of our stay was limited to one day. Conditions in Alberta have been very much depressed the past five years, but are looking good now. Rains in abundance have extended all over the province and the promise now is of the best.

"During our stay we met several former North Dakota Masons who are now active in Alberta Masonry. They still were interested in North Dakota and asked eagerly for old Masonic friends."

We cannot refrain from quoting from M.W. Bro. Stockwell's report the excerpt therein appearing taken from "American Individualism" written by Herbert Hoover:

"Our social and economic system cannot march toward better days unless it is inspired by things of the spirit. It is here that the higher purposes of individualism must find their sustenance. Men do not live by bread alone. Nor is individualism merely a stimulus to production and the road to liberty; it alone admits the universal divine inspiration of every human soul. I may repeat that the divine spark does not lie in agreements, in organizations, in institutions, in masses or in groups. Spirituality with its faith, its hope, its charity, can be increased by each individual's own effort. And in proportion as each individual increases his own store of spirituality, in that proportion increases the idealism of democracy.

"For centuries the human race believed that divine inspiration rested in a few. The result was blind faith in religious hierarchies, the Divine Right of Kings. The world has been disillusioned of this belief that divinity rests in any special group or class, whether it be through a creed, a tyranny of kings or of proletariat. Our individualism insists upon the divine in each human being. It rests upon the firm faith that the divine spark can be awakened in every heart. It was the refusal to compromise these things that led to the migration of those religious groups who so largely composed our forefathers. Our diversified religious faiths are the apotheosis of spiritual individualism.

"The vast multiplication of voluntary organizations for altruistic purposes are themselves proof of the ferment of spirituality, service, and mutual responsibility. These associations for advancement of public welfare, improvement, morals, charity, public opinion, health, the clubs and societies for recreation and intellectual advancement, represent something moving at a far greater depth than 'joining.' They represent the wide-spread aspiration for mutual advancement, self-expression, and neighborly helpfulness. Moreover, today when we rehearse our own individual memories of success, we find that none gives us such comfort as memory of service given. Do we not refer to our veterans as service men? Do not our merchants and business men pride themselves in something of service given beyond the price of their goods? When we traverse the glorious deeds of our fathers, we today never enumerate those acts that were not rooted in the soil of service. Those whom we revere are those who triumphed in service, for from them comes the uplift of the human heart and the uplift of the human mind.

"While there are forces in the growth of our individualism which must be curbed with vigilance, yet there are no less glorious spiritual

forces growing within that promise for the future. There is developing in our people a new valuation of individuals and of groups and of nations. It is a rising vision of service. Indeed if I were to select the social force that above all others has advanced sharply during these past years of suffering, it is that of service—service to those with whom we come in contact, service to the nation, and service to the world itself. If we examine the great mystical forces of the past seven years we find this great spiritual force poured out by our people as never before in the history of the world—the ideal of service.

“Just now we are weakened by the feeling of failure of immediate realization of the great ideas and hopes that arose through the exaltation of war. War by its very nature sets loose chaotic forces of which the resultants cannot be foretold or anticipated. The insensitiveness to the brutalities of physical violence, and all the spiritual dislocations of war, have left us, at the moment, poorer. The amount of serenity and content in the world is smaller.

“The spiritual reaction after the war has been in part the fruit of some illusions during those five years. In the presence of unity of purpose and the mystic emotions of war, many men came to believe that salvation lay in mass and group action. They have seen the spiritual and material mobilization of nations, of classes, and groups, for sacrifice and service; they have conceived that real human progress can be achieved by working on ‘the psychology of the people’—by the ‘mass mind’; they yielded to leadership without reservation; they conceived that this leadership could continue without tyranny; they have forgotten that permanent spiritual progress lies with the individual.”

We tender our sincerest sympathy to the brethren of North Dakota in the loss sustained by the death on April 6th, 1923, of M.W. Bro. Grant Sherman Hager who, since 1917, had so ably discharged the duties of Fraternal Correspondent for the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

A most impressive memorial service was held during the Grand Lodge meeting at which M.W. Bro. Stockwell delivered the memorial address, which was a beautiful and fitting tribute to the memory of a good and true Mason and a builder in the Craft. The report of the Standing Committee on Masonic Service and Education outlines the work attempted during the year and the numerous and varied responses on the part of the lodges and their members to the program of service and education put before them.

Total membership, 14,733; net gain, 398.

T. S. S.

NOVA SCOTIA

The Fifty-Eighth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, on June 13, 1923. M.W. Bro. James H. Winfield, Grand Master. M.W. Bro. A. P. Shatford, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, was a welcome visitor at this communication.

Two special communications were held during the year for the purpose of laying cornerstones of new Masonic Halls.

A special communication was also held at Halifax on June 12, for the purpose of witnessing the exemplification of the Ritual.

In accordance with the usual custom after Grand Lodge was declared open, Divine Service was held under the direction of the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Canon E. A. Harris. The service consisted of two hymns, two Psalms, a short reading of Scripture and an address by the Grand Chaplain, on the text "This is the stone that was set at nought of you builders and which is become the head of the corner; for there is none other name given under Heaven among men whereby we may be saved." This excellent address appears in full in the Proceedings.

The Grand Master in his address has the following to say with regard to the Order of the Eastern Star:

"A member of Annapolis Royal Lodge, No. 33 asks, in effect, if the Order of the Eastern Star has received the approval and sanction of the Grand Lodge, and if by joining the Order he would be doing anything contrary to the regulations of Masonry.

"Answer.—A reference to previous decisions on this matter shows that in 1905, P.G.M. Smith, in his address, stated that he had discountenanced the starting of the Order of the Eastern Star in his jurisdiction, but referred the matter to the Grand Lodge to take what action they deemed fit in the matter. Grand Lodge approved his action.

"A similar request was made to P.G.M. Black in 1911 and he concurred in the action of his predecessor which was also approved by Grand Lodge.

"In 1920 P.G.M. Macdougall was asked: 'Can a Lodge of the Eastern Star be organized in connection with our Lodge?' and his answer was 'No,' which was also approved by Grand Lodge.

"This would seem to indicate that Grand Lodge did not approve of the Order of the Eastern Star being associated with Masonry in this Jurisdiction. It seems to me, however, that the time has now arrived when more definite and formal action should be taken in the matter.

"Membership in the Order of the Eastern Star is, I understand, restricted to Master Masons in good standing in the Masonic Lodge, and their wives, mothers, daughters, widows and sisters. I am also informed that it is provided in the Ritual that there should preside at the meeting during the conferring of degrees an official, styled the Worthy Patron, who must be a Freemason in good standing. This latter condition requires a test, the validity of which none but Freemasons can properly judge, and no such test can be recognized in connection with bodies, which, contrary to the immemorial practice of Freemasonry admit women to membership. Secretaries of some of our Lodges have received a request from the Women Secretaries of the Order of the Eastern Star, asking if certain persons named were in good standing in that particular Lodge—a request to which no Secretary of a Masonic Lodge has a right to reply.

"We are not concerned with bodies composed of men or women, or of both sexes, which do not claim to be Masonic in either ritual or practice, and do not make Masonry a test of membership or participation in their ceremonies; but, undoubtedly, a grave risk is incurred by brethren who enter into association with bodies making Masonry, in any way, a test of admission to membership, while admitting to membership persons who would not be qualified to join a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

"No Freemason is entitled to attend any non-Masonic meeting at which Masonry, by direct implication, is introduced; or to participate in

any ceremony which is quasi-Masonic, or is held under pseudo-Masonic and unauthorized auspices.

The Secretary, or any member of the Lodge, who gives to anyone outside, and particularly a non-Mason, information on Masonic matters known to him because of his Masonic connections commits a breach of discipline, which should be severely dealt with.

"Without in any way challenging the good faith, the excellent intentions, and splendid work that is no doubt being done by women members of the Eastern Star, I hold that no Mason has a right, as a Mason, to join a body which admits those who would not be admitted to a Masonic Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia."

The Grand Master reports the Freemasons' Home at Windsor as progressing in a splendid manner. There are at the present time seventeen guests in the Home. The finances are reported to be in a very satisfactory condition.

The heirs of the late P.G.M. Alexander Keith presented to Grand Lodge a handsome silver centrepiece and candelabra and five silver trowels which at various times had been presented to M.W. Bro. Keith. The silver centrepiece bears the following inscription: "Presented by the Freemasons of Nova Scotia, the R.W. the Honorable Alexander Keith, Provincial Grand Master, on his having presided over English Masonry in the Province for a quarter of a century, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 27th December, A.L. 5865."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom were referred the question of the recognition of the Grand Lodges of Ecuador and Italy, reported that they were not in a position to recommend recognition at the present time and suggested that the question be laid over for another year. They stated that they were led to make this suggestion largely on account of the recent formation in Boston, under the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts of a committee of what is called the Masonic Service Association of Foreign Lodges, which will obtain most valuable information as to foreign Grand Lodges and their right to recognition. The committee will obtain the benefit of the information furnished by this very excellent committee, consisting of some of the most prominent members of the Fraternity in the New English Jurisdiction, and this information will be of valuable assistance in determining the action of Grand Lodge in dealing with such requests.

Sixty-seven Proceedings of other Grand Lodges have been fully reviewed by R.W. Bro. James C. Jones, Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence. His work covers 184 pages and contains valuable information of interest to Masonic readers.

Total membership, 9,465; net gain for the year, 241; number of charter lodges, 79; total receipts for the year, \$24,489.27.

S. Y. T.

OHIO

The 114th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Springfield on October 17th and 18th, 1923, M.W. Bro. Harry S. Johnson, Grand Master, presiding. The officers and members of Grand Lodge were escorted from the Shawnee Hotel by the Palestine Commandery No. 33, K.T., to the place of meeting in the Memorial Hall.

The Committee on Credentials stated that all but twenty-two lodges in the state were represented.

The Grand Master's address dealt at some length with the passing away of one of Ohio's most distinguished sons and Masons in the person of President Warren G. Harding, who was a member of Marion Lodge, No. 70.

One of the sections of the Grand Master's address that was particularly strong was his statement and condemnation of cheap shows and circuses under Masonic patronage. Most of these have been carried on under the patronage of the Grotto and the Shrine. Some of them have been simply a group of gambling dances with which to raise money. After having quoted the incidents, the Grand Master asks the pertinent question:

"What prompts all this disregard for law and Masonry?"

He answers it by the words:

"A greed for money, an insatiable sensuality and a convincing proof that men are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God must be our conclusion as we reflect upon the character of the activities of these organizations. The domination of the spirit of commercialism in the giving of circuses, gambling, raffles, bazaars, the use of punch boards for the giving of prizes, to make it possible to entertain a national organization or to finance a jaunt for a patrol or band, has brought much reproach upon Masonry. This conduct has been an incentive for some of our lodges to very imprudently amass debt for building Temples beyond their ability to pay, and then resort to almost unbelievable methods to raise money to keep from becoming insolvent. Our experience convinces us that an institution dedicated to God can neither subsist nor thrive on commercialism. We do not seem to have learned there is a marked distinction between men and money."

The Grand Secretary reported that there were 179,788 members under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. He further intimated that the growth showed a falling off with the last six or seven years and that the lodges appeared to be getting down to conditions as they were prior to the war. This was instanced in another part of the report when it was shown that in 1915 there were approximately 100,000 Masons and that an increase of about eighty per cent had taken place since that date.

R. P.

OKLAHOMA

The 15th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma was held at Guthrie on February 27, 28 and March 1, 1923, in the Scottish Rite Temple. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Leslie Herbert Swan, conducted the opening exercises.

There is a decision of the Grand Master in regard to physical qualification which is of interest:

"As a result of the late war, many, many inquiries as to physical qualification have been presented. I have universally held, as have other Grand Masters, in accordance with our statute law, that a petitioner must be able to hear and speak words, see and give the signs and make the

steps and give the grips. Because of the numerous inquiries and what seems to me an injustice to the man who has served his country, I have made my recommendation No. 4:

"4. I recommend that whenever the Master and Wardens, supported by five members of the lodge, shall apply in writing to the Grand Master for permission for their lodge to receive and act upon the petition for the degrees of a man who, under our law, is physically disqualified to receive the degrees, that the Grand Master, after full investigation to satisfy himself that the same ought to be done, shall be authorized to issue his Special Dispensation therefor."

The address of the Grand Orator, William Mark Sexson, is of particular merit and might well be placed in this report, if space permitted, but the following paragraphs are worthy of any Mason's careful perusal:

"There are two great forces in the making of American civilization. I tried not long ago just to make up my mind really and truly what were the forces, and what were the organizations that were foremost in American civilization, and I decided that there were two, and that they came here first, and I hope that they will be here last. One is the Protestant Church and the other is the Masonic fraternity. These were the institutions at the very beginning of this country of ours. The relationship that exists between the two is ideal and very beautiful. While Masonry itself, if properly understood, is not a religion, yet it stands ready and willing to reach out its strong hand and to protect the interests of that religion which was represented by the free mind of the individual, and therefore the two organizations in the beginning of our country were very closely knit together, and I trust that in all the years to come they will be partners and will stand side by side until we shall have accomplished the purpose that God Almighty had in mind for us to accomplish.

"Masonry as an institution must remember this: that it is a most dignified organization; it is one of the world's oldest organizations; it is an organization that should live in an atmosphere in which it cannot be disturbed by the single passing of a generation. It is too big, my brethren, to allow itself to be swayed either one way or the other by the mere coming and going of one generation. It represents an atmosphere in which men live who want to live on a big plane and in a glorious presence. It should at all times and under all circumstances recognize itself as such an institution. It does not deal in questions of religion; it does not deal in questions of politics, except as it may offer those things that would help to construct and to build. If I understand Masonry right, as I have carefully studied its history, it represents the constructive force of a community; never the destructive side of a question, but always the constructive, the sound, the sure, the bedrock upon which you can always stand in no uncertain terms, and as you stand there be assured of your position.

"Masonry to my mind is the biggest thing that a man can reach up to; it affords the greatest school for men to train in, and if I understand it right, it is an attempt to make us big and large, and give us vision, and help us see the world and understand it, and to know what it is to be, brethren, in the true sense of that word. It does not belong to any one country; it does not belong to any one flag, although wherever it is found located its constituency is loyal to that country and loyal to that flag, but it endeavors to rise into an atmosphere that is big enough to take all religions, big enough to take all policies of government, and create out of its constituency a council of men large enough to meet together and talk over those problems which may best look towards the welfare of nations.

If there is a force today that can save the world from the shock of doom, that force is represented by the men into whose faces I look tonight and by their representatives. And I trust that in the future in the grand State of Oklahoma among all of our Masonic activities we shall never forget how dignified our institution is; how high it stands in the estimation of the world, and I hope that under no circumstances will it ever belittle itself or its history to deal in those things which will pass away with the going and the coming of another generation."

Oklahoma reports a new order called the "Order of the Rainbow." It seems that a very popular order for boys who were the kin of Masons had grown up, known as the "DeMolay Order." A similar order for girls was created last year at McAlester, Oklahoma, this order to be called the Order of the Rainbow. This order is created for the daughters and sisters of Master Masons and members of the Order of the Eastern Star and for girls recommended by them who are between the ages of fourteen and eighteen years. This order is growing rapidly and has now assemblies in nine states of the Union, Oklahoma having forty-three.

The Grand Secretary reported a total membership of 59,730, and a net increase during the year of 4,499.

R. P.

OREGON

The Grand Lodge of Oregon held its 73rd Annual Communication in the Multnomah Hotel, Portland, on June 13th, 1923, and was presided over by the M.W. Grand Master G. G. Brown. All the Grand Lodge Officers answered the roll call. Alberta was represented by Bro. Edgard H. Sensenich of Portland.

The Grand Master in his carefully prepared address, paid a tribute to the work of the I.D. Grand Masters. We notice that the funeral services for lodge room and crematorium were being revised and also the Masonic Code. Grand Lodge appears to be lending generous assistance to philanthropic and educational matters. The Grand Master closes his address as follows:

"Masonry directs us to divest ourselves of confined and bigoted notions and teaches us that humanity is the soul of religion.

"We never suffer any religious disputes in our lodges, and as Masons, we only pursue the universal religion, the religion of nature. Worshipers of the God of Mercy, we believe that in every nation, he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him. All Masons, therefore, whether Christians, Jews, or Mohammedans, who violate not the rule of right, written by the Almighty upon the tables of the heart, who do fear Him, and work righteousness, we are to acknowledge as brethren, and, though we take different roads, we are not to be angry with or persecute each other on that account. We mean to travel to the same place; we know that the end of our journey is the same; and we affectionately hope to meet in the lodge of perfect happiness."

The Grand Secretary's report shows a membership as of December 31st, 1922, of 25,331, a gain of 1582. Two new lodges were instituted.

The address of the Grand Orator is a marked feature of the report and we regret not being able to give extensive quotations therefrom. The

Grand Orator goes back to history for illustration of his theme and with very telling effect. His quotations are very apt. Every Mason can read this address with great profit.

The Grand Master recommended recognition of the Grand Lodges of Queensland, Ecuador, Italy, Peru, Brazil and France, and suggested delay in regard to Mexico, Argentina and Guatemala. Only two matters came before the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

We notice that R. W. Bro. Chas E. Tisdale, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, was presented to the Grand Lodge and delivered a hopeful review of conditions in his Grand Jurisdiction.

Several occasional Grand Lodges were held during the year, chiefly for the purpose of laying corner-stones of Masonic Temples and constituting lodges. There is no review of foreign correspondence.

M.W. Brother George T. Cochran, LaGrande, Grand Master.

R.W. Brother D. Rufus Cheney, Portland, Grand Secretary.

C. V. B.

PENNSYLVANIA

The Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Philadelphia, December 27, 1923. A perusal of the abstract of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge certainly bears out the Grand Master's opening remark that his two years of office have been very busy and interesting.

To be a member of the Craft in this jurisdiction means service with a large "S", for the lists of committees, boards, stewards, bursaries, etc. are numerous and long and their duties entail giving no small share of time, thought and ability to carry out the objects for which they are appointed. The large financial matters, the administration of the numerous funds and institutions under the charge of the Grand Lodge, take executive ability, which is apparent in the reports submitted. Pennsylvania fortunately does not lack for either executive ability or zeal to serve, amongst the members of the fraternity.

Among the great ones of Masonry who passed away recently, Pennsylvania mourns one whose name had become a household word far and wide, W. Bro. John Wanamaker, "who was made a Mason at sight," by R. W. Grand Master Wm. J. Kelly, in 1898, and thereafter became an active member of the Craft. To quote R.W. Bro. Beitler, Grand Master:

"The recent death of Bro. John Wanamaker closed a life filled with service for his fellows. He was indeed a merchant prince, but better yet he was a loyal citizen, a lover of his fellowmen and his life was devoted to good deeds. He gave to the Committee on Library much of his time and it is largely due to his untiring energy and excellent judgment that we today possess a library and museum, unique, valuable and without a rival. We will long mourn his loss and cherish his memory."

Another distinguished brother, John S. Sell, P.G.M., also passed away. He was the author of the famous edict which caused such a fluttering amongst the Grand Lodge dovescotes far and wide. Perhaps two paragraphs, one from the eulogy pronounced in Grand Lodge, the other from Grand Master Beitler's address, indicate the situation:

"He loved Freemasonry and he loved his Masonic brethren. He had a great passion to maintain Freemasonry free, pure and unsullied, both from within and without."

And the Grand Master:

"It (Pennsylvania Freemasonry) has jealously guarded its portals, feeling that the fraternity is self-sustaining and self-supporting and resents any interference from any source with the orderly administration of lodge and Grand Lodge business."

I hope Pennsylvania will be able to resist the temptation to say "I told you so" when the time comes.

The reports of the various committees are full of interest. I regret that space will not allow of more extended notice but I would like to draw attention to what the committee on Masonic Homes says of one of the many numerous and generous bequests administered by them, as it supports the underlying principles under which our own benevolent work is carried on. They first remark that the Samuel Davis bequest is one of the most useful made to Grand Lodge, and further says: "Desiring to make this fund perform the greatest service, decided that applications for relief should be made through the lodges and that, where practicable, the fund should be distributed through the lodges, with the understanding that each lodge applying for relief shall contribute a sum equal to the amount contributed by Grand Lodge, thereby doubling the usefulness of this most generous and useful bequest."

"Your committee feels that the best training for children, particularly when bereft of a father, is to be reared under a mother's influence and care and also realizes that most mothers who have been left with the responsibility of the rearing of their children, prefer to have their children in their own homes, and this condition has been made possible for fifty-six children It would be impossible to convey to the members of Grand Lodge the great amount of good that has already been accomplished through the application of this most practical fund."

The Grand Master's address at the Quarterly Communication of September 5, 1923, is of special interest, as it briefly describes the progress of fifty years, during which time they have occupied their present temple at Philadelphia, which was dedicated in 1823, the eighty-seventh anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. It traces the meeting places of Grand Lodge from 1732, giving particulars of the inception and construction of the present temple and also of the numerous institutions now in actual operation under the direction of Grand Lodge and which represent an expenditure of approximately Two Million Dollars, exclusive of maintenance. It shows an increase in membership from 37,546 to 186,560 in the half century and in his closing sentences, he says:

"The growth of Grand Lodge and its receipt of so many noble gifts from brethren, from lodges and from groups of lodges, is a direct result of the work of Grand Lodge in discharging to the full its Masonic duties."

In his annual address the Grand Master covers every phase of Grand Lodge. He again scores the Ku Klux Klan. Quoting the resolutions passed by the American Legion at San Francisco, he strongly insists on the strictest scrutiny into the worthiness of applicants for admission and also repeats his warning against extravagant banquets and entertainments, "believing the evil is a real one, demanding the attention of all serious-minded brethren."

The newly-elected Grand Master's address has also a note on this subject, which includes a suggestion that lodges should prepare a budget for the year and fix, in a general way, the manner in which the fund should be expended. He also disapproves of the large lodge. He thinks "in many instances the large lodge, in its real sense, fails as a fraternity." He also emphasizes the need of an endowment for their institutions.

The report on correspondence is very complete, Alberta's Grand Master, Bro. F. S. Selwood, being quoted at some length.

Samuel M. Goodyear, Grand Master, Philadelphia; John A. Perry, Grand Secretary, Philadelphia.

J. H. W. S. K.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

The Eleventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of Manila on Tuesday, the 23rd day of January, 1923. The sessions extended throughout four days. M.W. Bro. Hon. Quintin Paredes, Grand Master, presided.

Sixty-two chartered lodges and five lodges U.D. were represented. One hundred and seventy-nine members of Grand Lodge were present upon roll call.

The Grand representatives of sixty-two Grand Jurisdictions were cordially welcomed by the Grand Master. Alberta was represented by Bro. Conrado Benitez.

The Grand Master's address is written in a fine literary style and deals with the large amount of detail encountered during his administration in a clear and interesting manner. From beginning to end there is very evident a sincerity of purpose, combined with a discerning sympathy, which has enabled him to win the hearts of all his brethren. His efforts throughout all parts of this jurisdiction undoubtedly have accomplished much in cementing among the brethren that harmony so essential to Masonic progress.

The report of the Grand Secretary discloses a healthy growth and a sound financial condition.

In reading the minutes of the deliberations of Grand Lodge, one is impressed with the variety of problems presented for discussion, as well as the thoroughness and care with which all proposals are debated.

A noteworthy feature is the progress made in the matter of uniformity in conferring degrees. This has largely resulted from the enthusiastic labors of the Grand Lecturers and their assistants. This Grand Lodge, though separated from the site of the Memorial by a continent and the broad Pacific, is a member of the George Washington National Memorial Association. It is also a member of the Masonic Service Association and is seriously grappling with the problem of developing a scheme of educational work on Masonic subjects adapted to its particular constituency. Methods of affording assistance to brethren in distress and to the widows and orphans of departed brethren, are in course of development and there is every evidence that the brethren in this far-off jurisdiction are as keenly alive to this problem as the older jurisdictions on this continent and elsewhere.

The annual oration by M.W. Bro. Roberto Moreno was very much appreciated. It is a splendid address which shows the modesty and humility expressed at the commencement of the oration quite unnecessary.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is particularly worthy of study both from the Masonic knowledge evinced in its pages and also from the pleasing style and stimulating comment of the author. The introduction was much appreciated.

Total membership, 6,680; net gain, 383.

F. S. S.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The 48th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple, Charlottetown, on June 27, 1923. M.W. Bro. J. M. Murley, Grand Master.

With regard to visitations, Grand Master Murley says:

"By far the most pleasing and gratifying portion of my duties during the year were the Visitations. In a jurisdiction such as our, fairly compact, with most of the lodges composed of rural members and easily accessible by automobile, I have long shared the belief with many experienced brethren, that the visitations could be more successfully and profitably carried on during the late summer and early fall.

"With this in mind, and a determination to bring the Craft together in a Fraternal way in as large numbers as possible at each visitation, I communicated with all the Grand officers immediately after installation, and being assured of their hearty co-operation and support I arranged the visitations accordingly and also to confer the Third Degree on a candidate in every lodge throughout the jurisdiction.

"Through the unswerving loyalty and unbounded enthusiasm of the Grand officers, together with the hearty and unstinted support of the officers and members of the various lodges, I was able to successfully carry out this cherished programme. The result, as regards attendance was beyond expectation. The average attendance of visitors exceeded that of members, indicating the very gratifying interest taken by the brethren in lodges other than their own, as well as the pleasure there is to be derived from a frequent fraternal intercourse with the brethren of another lodge. An average attendance of nine Grand officers must prove to you that the duties, responsibilities and honors of subordinate officers were placed on most deserving and capable shoulders.

"The work of the Grand officers in conferring the degree, under the capable supervision of the Grand Lecturer was of a very high order and the privilege of raising a candidate and giving the lectures in full in every lodge a source of great satisfaction and pleasure to me.

"In every instance the candidate was able to pass such an examination in the work of the Order as would gladden the heart of the most exacting and enthusiastic ritualist, a circumstance that naturally prompts me now to record my appreciation of the way and manner in which the officers and members of the various lodges carried out my expressed desire regarding this most important work of preparing a candidate for advancement. I would suggest to all that the good work be continued after the Third Degree is received, a thorough knowledge of which is necessary to facilitate visiting, and what is more important, to successfully comply with the responsibilities of membership in a lodge."

This Grand Lodge has not been in the habit of including in their Annual Proceedings a complete report on Foreign Correspondence. In this connection the Grand Master states:

"To broaden our outlook and make our contact with those leaders living and aggressive, a full and thorough report on Foreign Correspondence, compiled by a competent and earnest committee would appear to be most desirable if not absolutely necessary. From time to time we are confronted in Annual Communication with questions of outstanding Masonic importance and a thorough knowledge of the attitude assumed by sister jurisdictions on such questions would prove invaluable in determining what course to pursue. This is especially applicable to the subject of orphanages, hospitals and other benevolent enterprises as well as physical qualifications, returned soldiers and such like subjects."

The Grand Lecturer, in his brief report, says:

"While the procedure of exemplifying is an innovation perhaps never before practised by Grand Lodge officers at official visitations, I cannot help but feel it had a wonderful effect and was the means of making the meetings very beneficial to all concerned."

"The brethren who had the pleasure of visiting the lodges on those occasions were bound to be impressed with the large attendance and the great amount of enthusiasm displayed."

The trustees of the Benevolent Fund report having expended \$150 for charitable purposes during the year.

This Grand Lodge resolved to raise a sum of money to assist the Protestant Orphanage and requested each subordinate lodge to raise an amount at least equal to \$2 per member during the ensuing Masonic year.

A beautiful gold-headed walking stick was presented to M.W. Bro. Murley as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren of that jurisdiction.

Total membership, 1,140; net gain, 55.

S. Y. T.

QUEBEC

The 153rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was held in the City of Montreal on the 14th day of February, 1923. M.W. Bro. Charles McBurney, Grand Master.

In his interesting address as Grand Master, M.W. Bro. McBurney says:

"I have been approached with a view to securing two dispensations to form new lodges in the City of Montreal, one a lodge for colored people, the other for those who are employed in the theatres and cannot, therefore, attend lodge in the evenings. After consideration, I discouraged the preparation of petitions in these two cases."

Referring to the matter of granting dispensations to initiate candidates who had not the necessary physical qualifications, he made these significant remarks:

"These are amongst the most difficult applications that a Grand Master has to deal with. He realizes that the qualifications of heart and mind are more important than those of the body, and regrets exceedingly to be obliged to close the doors of the Order against good men because of

the lack of physical qualifications. And yet who will say that, because physical qualifications are the less important, they are not very important. Masonry is essentially idealistic; it aims at the development of a perfect mind and spirit, and requires a perfect body as the fitting tabernacle of that spirit. It would be convenient for the Grand Master, if the Ancient landmarks permitted of such legislation, that Grand Lodge should specify what degree of physical imperfection might be accepted; but I am convinced that it is better to allow these cases to be dealt with individually as they arise than to place on our statutes anything that would indicate a recession from the requirement of physical perfection demanded by the Craft in all ages."

He reported having received notification from the executor of the late M.W. Bro. Isaac Henry Stearns of a bequest of \$2,000.

Initiatory steps are being taken with a view to the erection of a new Masonic Temple in the City of Montreal, such as will accommodate not only the lodges of that city, but also the brethren in attendance at their Annual Communications.

We quote from his concluding remarks the following:

"Next to the Church of the Living God, by whatsoever name it may be called, there is no organization amongst men so worthy of the best that a good man can give. The person who enters a Masonic lodge from selfish motives is invariably and deservedly disappointed; but he who being admitted delves beneath the symbolism for the truths that are by these symbols more frequently concealed than illustrated, and translates these Masonic truths and principles into character and conduct, who with love in his heart for all men quietly performs his daily duties with integrity and unfailing consideration for the rights and opinions of others, who without ostentation improves every opportunity of making life easier and nobler for his fellow men, will unquestionably be rewarded by discovering the genuine secret of a full and perfect life which ignorance, intolerance and selfishness have hidden away from the eyes of ordinary men."

A most impressive address was delivered by R.W. Bro. Rt. Rev. J. C. Farthing, Lord Bishop of Montreal, which was printed in full in the Annual Proceedings. The following extract will give some indication of its merit:

"There are religious men who are not moral; there are moral men who are not religious. In the Christian Church there are many who observe forms and ceremonies, some painfully plain, bald and bare; others most ornate and elaborate. Many there are who think that by the saying of prayers and in outward acts of worship, they can maintain their fellowship with God, while at the same time they are often hard and unkind, and urgent to others, impure in their conduct, and show a lack of honour in their dealings. Doubtless, the same weak tendency is found in our Masonic Order where men who are strict ritualists, who are exacting and punctilious about every detail of our ceremonial being carried out, yet who are not standing high in honour in the commercial world, who are not showing the reality of that for which the square and compasses stand."

We have read with very great interest the introduction of the admirable report on foreign correspondence by M.W. Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, P.G.M., and concur with him in the opinions expressed on the various matters discussed in his introduction.

Total membership, 12,667; net increase during the year, 620.

S. Y. T.

QUEENSLAND

Second Annual Report covering Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the year ending June, 1923.

By an amendment to the Constitution every member receives a printed copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge in payment for which additional contribution is levied on the lodges pro rata according to membership.

The Grand Master in a Special Communication in a Special Report calls for the drafting of ceremonials for the various Masonic functions; for complete set of rituals and settlement of the practice as to the various steps, signs, words and pass-words to be used and the method in which they are to be given. This arises from the fact that the Grand Lodge of Queensland had but recently been formed, and was composed of several District Grand Jurisdictions.

The Board of Benevolence has been very active. It raises the question as to whether life members coming from Scotland and who have obtained a life privilege at a comparatively small expense are entitled to assistance from the Benevolent Fund. The Board decided that such life member was not "a subscribing member" under their Constitution and inferentially was not entitled to assistance.

The following amendments to the constitution which were in accordance with the resolutions adopted at the conference of Masonic lodges at Melbourne some time previously were adopted:

"In the case of a candidate who has been injured or incapacitated the Grand Master may upon the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, grant a dispensation to waive such disabilities as will not prevent a substantial compliance whether naturally or by artificial means, with the requirements of Initiation, Passing and Raising, but such dispensation shall not be granted to a candidate who is totally blind or totally deaf or dumb."

"It is declared that the wearing of Masonic regalia at funerals and in public generally should be discouraged."

"Brethren are strictly forbidden to wear emblems of Freemasonry outside a Masonic Lodge except at Masonic functions."

By adding the following to the forms of application and declaration respectively by a candidate for Initiation and by a joining brother:

"I hereby declare that I will be faithful, loyal, and bear true allegiance to the Sovereign of the British Empire, and I recognize that disloyalty or any breach of this Declaration is a serious Masonic offence."

At the quarterly Communication held in December, 1922, the Board of General Purposes reports, among other matters:

"The question having been raised in connection with brethren visiting or attending female (so-called) Masonic bodies, which are all irregular, the Board desire to emphasize its deprecation of such action, and to remind Brethren that such visitation or association renders them liable to exclusion from the Craft."

The Board of General Purposes recommended the following Resolution:

"The wearing of Masonic jewels was considered by the Board, when it was decided that the jewel of a Mark Master or Royal Arch, or any higher degree cannot be worn in a Craft Lodge."

and after prolonged discussion the motion was lost by a large majority.

Neither the Grand Lodge nor the subordinate lodges are incorporated, lodge property and capital funds being held by trustees.

The following extracts taken from the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England appear in the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge:

Extract from the Proceedings of the United Grand Lodge of England, September 7th, 1921, page 309—Report of the Board of General Purposes.

V.W. Bro. Sir Alfred Robbins, President of the Board of General Purposes, moved that the following report of the Board be taken as read:

"To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted
Masons of England.

"A number of communications have been received at Freemason's Hall, asking whether the Order of the Eastern Star is recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England. The Board has made full investigation of the status of this body in its relationship to Freemasonry, and has had before it the regulations governing the Order, as well as a copy of the ritual practised at its assemblies. It finds that the Order, which is almost entirely composed of women but admits men to membership under certain conditions, touches Masonry closely at two points: (1) Membership is restricted to "Master Masons in good standing in a Masonic lodge and their wives, daughters, mothers, widows and sisters"; and (2) it is provided in the ritual that there shall preside at the meetings during the conferring of the degrees an official, styled the Worthy Patron, who has to be a Freemason "in good standing." The latter condition, in especial, is considered by the Board to set up a test the validity of which none but Freemasons can properly judge; and the Board holds that no such test can be recognized in connection with bodies which, contrary to the immemorial practice of the United Grand Lodge of England, admit women to membership. The source of danger thus indicated is brought home more closely to the Board by the knowledge that Secretaries of some of our lodges have received a request from women secretaries of lodges of the Eastern Star, asking for a categorical statement as to whether certain persons named were "in good standing" in that particular lodge—a request to which no secretary of a Masonic lodge in such circumstances has a right to reply.

"As there are various bodies of great and apparently growing popularity in the United States and some parts of the British Empire which, while not formally claiming to be Masonic, are, at the least, imitative of the Masonic institution, the Board thinks it necessary to state the general principles upon which it feels bound to act in regard to them. The Craft is not concerned with bodies—whether composed entirely of men, of women, or of both sexes—which do not claim to be Masonic in either ritual or practice, and do not make Masonry a test of membership or of participation in their ceremonies. But it is clear that a grave risk is incurred by brethren who enter into association with bodies making Masonry in any way a test of admission to membership, while admitting as members persons who would not be qualified to join a lodge under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England. No Freemason is entitled to attend, *as such*, any non-Masonic meeting at which Masonry by

direct implication is introduced, or to participate in any ceremony which is quasi-Masonic or is held under pseudo-Masonic and unauthorized auspices. The secretary or any member of a lodge who gives to anyone outside, and particularly to a non-Mason, information on Masonic matters known to him because of his Masonic connection, commits a breach of discipline which, when proved, will be severely dealt with.

"Note—The words *as such* were omitted from the Report before it was submitted to Grand Lodge for adoption.

"Extract from the Proceedings of the United Grand Lodge of England, June 7th, 1922, pages 45 and 46—Minute on the presentation of Petitions to the M.W. Grand Master for the Grant of Warrants to New Lodges.

"The rapid increase in the number of applications for leave to found new lodges necessitates giving those brethren who desire to petition certain counsel, to which it is not merely desirable but necessary that they should attend.

"It is clearly to be understood that Lodges are established not to do honour to individual brethren or to secure them higher Masonic rank, but to promote the principles of Freemasonry and the general good of the Craft. Those wishing to found a Lodge should be prepared to establish the necessity for its existence, and the assurance of its permanence. Rapidly growing localities or greatly increasing Lodges may call for Masonic recognition in this form, but temporary gatherings of individuals, transient collective interests, social clubs, sections of associations, or mere personal friendships do not furnish a sufficient cause.

"No attempt should be made by any form of pressure to obtain signatures to the petition, and a large number of signatures is not to be aimed at. A sufficient total of qualified Masons prepared to vouch the necessity for, and promise the permanence of, the proposed lodge, will carry more weight than a great many gathered for the sake of demonstration. *No Brother who has not been a Master Mason three years should sign*, and it is undesirable that any Brother should do so who is not prepared actively to assist in the conduct of the proposed Lodge. The Lodge which is asked to endorse a petition should be made fully acquainted with the reasons for its presentation, and should satisfy itself by enquiry that these reasons are adequate. The endorsement should not be regarded as a formal act, but as a deliberate approval, for which full reason could be given.

"The desired title should be simple and appropriate, and if the proposed lodge has a special character, this should be signified by the name. A Lodge should not be named after any Brother, living or dead, unless he is, or has been, of the highest eminence in the Craft; and, if a suggested title be of a professional nature, it should be linked with such a limitation as not to embrace within a local circle an influence or interest which is widespread. The petitioners, moreover, must show that they can secure thoroughly suitable accommodation for the proposed Lodge, but no arrangements for its consecration are to be made and no announcement concerning it issued until the petitioners receive an intimation that a Warrant has been granted.

"In every case it should be clearly understood that no attempt must be made to obtain signatures to a petition by advertisement or public announcement of any kind, and that in every case it must be made evident that the Lodge is not to be used for professional advancement or commercial gain. No petition, indeed, should be presented unless it can be

shown that the proposed Lodge is not only desirable in the opinion of individuals but is called for in the interest of the Craft.

“(Signed) Arthur,
“G.M.

Freemasons' Hall,
London, W.C. 2.
3rd May, 1922.”

INITIATION OF MINORS

Extract from a letter received from Grand Lodge of England, dated October 4th, 1922.

“Very special reasons must be adduced before an application for a dispensation for the initiation of a Minor is sympathetically considered. One of the reasons which would weigh most strongly in influencing a favourable decision would be that the candidate being the son of a Mason is desirous of proceeding abroad, he being near the age of 21, and journeying to a part where either it would be difficult for him to be made a Mason or where he might come under the influence of an unrecognised Grand Lodge. Occasionally a dispensation is granted in the case of a father wishing to initiate his son during his year of Mastership, but then only if the son is nearing the age of 21.”

305 lodges. Total membership not given.

M.W. Bro. Alexander Corrie, Grand Master on the Throne.

M.W. Bro. C. H. Harley, P.G.M., Grand Secretary.

E. T. B.

RHODE ISLAND

The Semi-annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and the Providence Plantations (we like that description as being suggestive of the beginnings of Masonry in America) was held on Monday, November 20th, 1922, with M.W. Bro. Norris G. Abbott presiding.

The first business engaging the attention of the Grand Lodge was the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence reporting on matters contained in the address of M.W. Grand Master Lawton delivered on 15th May, 1922. The report shows evidence of careful study and consideration of the matters treated therein.

We notice that even in the New England Puritan States, Masonic trials are still necessary, though the report of these occupies a comparatively small space in comparison with other reports before us.

The 133rd Annual Communication was held in Providence on May 21st, 1923. M.W. Grand Master Bro. Norris Greenleaf Abbott presided at the meeting, at which 37 lodges were represented. We notice that W. Bro. W. M. Ponton, Grand Master of Masons in the Province of Ontario, Canada, was present and introduced to the meeting.

The Grand Master's address is, from the standpoint of Masonic knowledge and information, one of the best that it has been our pleasure to review. The introduction, the arrangement of the material, and the language in which the Grand Master's views are expressed, are admirable, and the whole address can be very profitably read by Masons everywhere. In his introduction the Grand Master says:

"In the vast order of things, we are called up to act our part as a cog in the wheel of time which moves steadily forward, ever advancing toward the Ideal and Perfection of the plans which the Supreme Architect of the Universe has designed upon the Trestle Board of Life.

"It is not for the finite to grasp the full import of the Infinite. Only minute drops of wisdom are gathered from the showers that pour down upon us. The Individual is completely lost in the great scheme of things. Slowly but surely, the evolution of the Universe proceeds toward the accomplishment of the Perfection which is the ultimate desire of the Maker of all. It is for us who are here given but an instant of life, to use it wisely, as an aid toward the fulfilment of His plans."

At the close of his address the Grand Master said:

"The time is at hand when Freemasonry must live by its deeds rather than by its traditions.

"In these days of unrest, untried experiments, and unsound doctrines, the call of humanity is a challenge to every Master Mason. It is a call to translate our teachings into practical service. It is a call for each of us to so act in our daily lives that our example will be for the upbuilding of the community in which we live. It is a call that requires individual initiative. If our civic, economical and industrial problems are to be solved successfully, it will be by the application of Masonic tenets and teachings."

From the report we see that Masonic education is being emphasized in Rhode Island. The part of the address relating to the history of Freemasonry must be very interesting to members of the Craft in Rhode Island and we wish to call particular attention to the Grand Master's remarks under the heading of physical qualifications. These, in our opinion, clear away a lot of misconceptions as to the ancient landmarks and point to the direction in which Masonry should advance.

Alberta was not represented. The total membership is given as 16,257, a net increase of 821.

The reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters are of a high order and show that their duties have been thoughtfully performed.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence set out the principles on which fraternal recognition may be extended to Foreign Grand Lodges, these principles being practically the same as applied by other Grand Bodies. There is no review of foreign correspondence.

M.W. Brother Arthur G. Newell, Pawtucket, Grand Master.

R.W. Brother S. Penrose Williams, Providence, Grand Secretary.

C. V. B.

SASKATCHEWAN

The Seventeenth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the City of Moose Jaw on Wednesday, June 20, 1923, M.W. Bro. A. Shephard, Grand Master.

In the annual address of the Grand Master he makes the following reference to District Meetings which were held in every district in his jurisdiction:

"It is with great gratification that I speak of the District Meetings held during the past year, every one an occasion of great interest and edification"

"It was a source of great pleasure and inspiration to me to see the large number of young Masons who took an interest in the lectures and talks and were able to express themselves so freely and lucidly on the subjects under discussion, indicating to me that it is not for the degrees alone that they have entered Masonry, but that the teachings of the Craft are being received by thoughtful men whose example will tend towards the elevation and uplifting of the masses."

"At all the District Meetings I attended and wherever I visited officially during the year, I drew the attention of the brethren to the matter of our Masonic scholarship scheme and urged them to take a sympathetic interest in the same"

The Grand Secretary has the following remarks to offer with regard to the holding of District Meetings:

"The experience of the last few years is most convincing proof that the District Meetings are an absolute necessity. Notwithstanding the fact that under our present law these meetings have to be held in the busiest season of the year in this Western Country, the attendance is increasing year by year, thus indicating that the brethren feel they are filling a much-felt want. One cannot think of the enthusiasm displayed at these annual gatherings, the way in which they have cemented the brethren of the different districts together, the open and active interest of those in attendance in the constructive ideals of Freemasonry, without being convinced of the wisdom of those who evolved the District Meeting idea. The indications are that if it can be arranged to hold these meetings earlier in the year they will grow in influence, importance and usefulness.

"I have no hesitancy in saying that I consider the District Meeting a source of great strength and inspiration to the Craft in this Jurisdiction. These annual gatherings, at which the members of subordinate lodges throughout the district have an opportunity of coming into touch with the leaders of the Craft, have done more than anything else toward the up-building of the Masonic Institution in Saskatchewan. Through their medium many of our brethren who heretofore had been lukewarm, not grasping the principles on which Freemasonry is founded or the work which it is intended to do, have gained a truer conception of the real purposes of the institution, of its meaning and mission in the world—and have become active in Freemasonry.

"Having studied the District Meeting closely year by year, I am convinced that if there is any weakness in connection with our present system it arises out of the rule whereby our D.D.G.M.'s are installed at the District Meeting. As I said last year, in my opinion the D.D.G.M. should be installed at the following meeting of Grand Lodge rather than at the District Meeting. Apart from the fact that this would give him some months after his selection to formulate his plans and familiarize himself with the duties of his office and a full year for the performance of his duties instead of from four or five months as at present, only in this way can he go out with the full dignity and authority of a Grand Lodge Officer."

The Committee on Benevolence of Grand Lodge reported having distributed relief amounting to \$5,900 during the year. The committee state that they are very much encouraged with the action of many of the lodges in amending their By-laws whereby \$10 is collected from each candidate

on his initiation. They further state that if this plan is adopted by all the lodges, it is expected that no more calls will have to be made upon the members who have already contributed their share, at least not for many years.

The Special Committee of the Board of General Purposes, to whom was referred the matter of making a survey of Masonic Homes, submitted an exhaustive report. The following will be of especial interest to our readers:

"The Board of General Purposes, to whom was referred the matter of making a survey of Masonic Homes and Children's Refuges, beg leave to report as follows:

1. That wherever Homes have been established general satisfaction seems to be the basis of all reports.

2. In some cases Masonic Homes and Children's Shelters are combined, that is the aged Masons and their wives are maintained in one portion of the Home and the children in the other.

3. In the majority of cases there are farms in which general farming, gardening, dairying, etc., are carried on, the proceeds of which are used for the maintenance of the different Homes, and any excess is sold and applied to the revenue.

4. Some of these Homes for children are so large that it has been found necessary to maintain a staff of school teachers from the lowest to what would approximate the Eighth Grade in the Province of Saskatchewan, and in cases where a higher education has been carried on the children have been sent to the different High Schools at the expense of the different Homes from which they come.

5. We have not been able to find any modern institution the cost of which was less than \$80,000, and this was a small Home but thoroughly equipped. In one case the lowest tender called for was \$98,000 as the first expenditure for the maintenance of the home.

6. As a general rule it may be taken that the upkeep of a Children's Home approximates from \$186 per capita per annum to \$257 per capita per annum, exclusive of interest-bearing charges on capital account and the initial expenditure.

7. There is only one home of this kind in Canada maintained by the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. Apparently no children are taken in this Home, and it is maintained for old and indigent Masons and their family relatives. We find that the general expenses of this Home last year were \$14,443 for sixteen inmates, which would approximate \$1,000 per capita for the keeping of this Home. There is an endowment fund in connection with the Nova Scotia Institution, and it is maintained by the interest on these endowments and by a general levy in the form of annual contributions on the craft in general throughout the jurisdiction.

8. The Grand Lodge of Louisiana is at the present time contemplating the erection of a Masonic Home for orphans and have its committees making investigations of various homes throughout the United States. They report that they visited the Meridian Home in Mississippi. The initial cost of the main building was \$90,000. The cost of the erection of this building, or one similar to it, was borne by the Craft Masons, the Royal Craft Masons, the Knights Templar and the Eastern Star. In this Home at Meridian there were 93 girls and 42 boys, and the maintenance cost was \$19.25 per month, exclusive of capital expenditure."

The committee submitted the following synopsis of conclusions arrived at as a result of their investigation:

1. The minimum initial expenditure would be at least \$115,000.
2. A per capita tax of at least \$1.50 per member would have to be levied for the maintenance of the approximate number required for the running of a Home.
3. That it is not advisable for children and older people to be maintained under one roof.
4. If the Grand Lodge is in favour of the establishment of a Home it should be upon a solid foundation with a fixed idea of continuance and permanence.
5. That before definite action be taken several brethren of good business and administration ability be sent to view homes established by Grand Lodges of equal standing with Saskatchewan.
6. That when the Benevolent Fund shall have acquired a capital account of \$250,000 the major portion of the external energies of Grand Lodge be devoted to the establishment of a Masonic Home."

A committee was appointed to be known as the Committee on Masonic Education and Research, whose duties are to initiate and direct lodges regarding matters relating to the study of Masonic subjects.

A brief but interesting report of Foreign Correspondence, prepared by M.W. Bro. W. M. Thomson, is included in the Proceedings.

S. Y. T.

SCOTLAND

This Grand Lodge met in Quarterly Communication on February 1st, May 3rd, August 2nd and November 1st, 1923.

"Grand Secretary reported that a Fellow-Craft of Lodge St. Devenic, Bonar Bridge, No. 1277, had been convicted of theft and fined £3 with the alternative of three weeks' imprisonment, and that he had instructed the lodge to take proceedings against that brother. The lodge having failed to do so, it was remitted to the Special Committee to be appointed to visit the lodges in Caithness and Sutherland to deal with the matter and to report."

"The Grand Secretary also reported that the late Brother John A. Forrest had bequeathed a legacy of £5,000 to Grand Lodge as a special trust to be designated 'The John Forrest Trust,' and to be utilized in granting annuities to the children of deceased Freemasons. On the motion of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason it was agreed to gratefully accept the bequest."

"The Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason read the following cablegram which had been received by Grand Secretary from Lodge Hiogo and Osaka, Kobe, No. 498, and Lodge Star-in-the-East, Yokohama, No. 640:—

"'Great distress; urgently appeal assistance; telegraph all possible funds to Kobe for Masonic relief.'"

"On the motion of Brother W. Stevenson Cochran, seconded by Brother James Watson, it was unanimously agreed to vote a sum of £200 from the funds of Grand Lodge towards the relief of brethren in the earthquake at Japan, and Grand Secretary was instructed accordingly."

At the November Communication the Grand Master Mason announced that he had been in communication with the Prince of Wales on the subject of a visit by His Royal Highness to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and he was glad to be able to inform the brethren now that the Prince had consented to become an Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. In accordance with the Constitution, he would make a motion to that effect at the next meeting, which would be on Saint Andrew's Day.

At the Festival of Saint Andrew the chair was occupied by the Right Honourable the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason. In the course of his address he gave the following statistics of the year's work:

"The grand total of Scottish Freemasons has been increased during the past year by 13,527 new members, as compared with 14,417 last year. In 1922 the income of Grand Lodge was £19,164 and the expenditure £10,103. This year the income is £18,260 and the expenditure £9,809. During 1923 101 grants from the Benevolent Fund amounted to £2,300 as compared with £1,862 in 87 grants last year, which is a creditable increase. The sum of £3,628 has been paid to our annuitants this year, and, since the formation of the Annuity Fund in 1889, the sum of £73,600 has been disbursed in this direction. The amount contributed this year to the fund by Daughter Lodges amounted to £4,899 as compared with £4,713 last year, and for the twenty-five years, 1899 to 1923, the subscriptions have amounted to £48,530. The annuities granted under the Orphan Fund amount to £1,535. The General Fund amounts to £46,570 (in which is included heritable and movable property), the Benevolent Fund to £39,280, the Annuity Fund to £148,560, and the Orphan Fund to £44,734, making a grand total of £279,144, as compared with £257,596 at 30th November, 1922, an increase of £21,548."

"These figures I think, brethren, will show you that during those sixty years, the position of Freemasonry in Scotland has advanced very considerably, both in numbers and in the power which money brings with it; and I feel confident that whether or not Freemasonry was a large and influential power in 1863, it can be, and it ought to be, a most influential power in our social life to-day. There must be, I think, something in Freemasonry which can help the solution of the various difficulties and problems which are set before us day by day. We are at the present time hearing a great many speeches, and a great many panaceas are being put before us to solve these difficulties, but I think there is no power here, certainly no power in our country, which could exert and which should exert such a power for good as the fraternal bonds of Freemasonry.

"I want to give you an instance of the strength of that power, which came to my personal notice only a few weeks ago. I was visiting a lodge under the English Constitution, and the Master of that Lodge was a very able and gallant soldier, who had taken part in the South African War, and is a most ardent Freemason. He told me that the circumstances of his initiation were rather extraordinary. He was initiated in a Lodge in Wales just before the outbreak of the war in South Africa, and he was passed and raised in South Africa during the war in a Lodge held in the British lines, of which Lodge no less than four of the office-bearers were Boers. These office-bearers presented themselves at the British lines, under a flag of truce, and were brought blindfolded through the lines and

into the Lodge. After they had carried out their duties as office-bearers of the Lodge, they were again blindfolded, conducted through the lines, and allowed to go home. I give you that as an instance which has come to my personal knowledge, that the bond of Freemasonry is something stronger than warfare, something stronger than any political tie, and something which we can look forward to as being able to help us to solve our difficulties."

S. Y. T.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Year ending April, 1923.

This report is very full, giving complete statistics of the Grand Lodge as to lodges, membership, financial reports and various funds of Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge is erecting a new Masonic Temple at Adelaide. The competition for the architectural work was thrown open only to subscribing members of lodges of that Grand Jurisdiction.

The Constitution was amended providing for minimum fees for the subordinate lodges and in this connection it was ruled by the Grand Master that the proposal to fix a minimum subscription to be paid by each member of a lodge to his Lodge is not an infringement of any land-mark and is within the power of Grand Lodge.

The Board of General Purposes recommended that grants to the Benevolent Fund should be by way of special grants to supplement the votes of the Lodges making the application, the intention being that the needs and circumstances of each case would thereby be brought before the members of the Lodge concerned more prominently than if the grant was administered by Grand Lodge.

M.W. Bro. A. W. Piper, K.C., was elected Grand Master for the fifth time.

A very ample review of the Proceedings of Foreign Jurisdictions and of Foreign Correspondence is published with the Proceedings and occupies over one hundred pages. The Alberta Proceedings were fully dealt with.

108 lodges. Total membership, 9,136. Net increase, 955.

M.W. Bro. A. W. Piper, K.C, Adelaide, Grand Master

R.W. Bro. C. R. J. Glover, P.D.G.M., Adelaide, Grand Secreary.

E. T. B.

SOUTH DAKOTA

The 49th Annual Communication was held at the Corn Palace in Mitchell on June 12th, 1923. M.W. Brother Theorus R. Stoner, Grand Master, presided and delivered a scholarly and forceful address and one that shows thought and care in preparation. We quote the following extracts:—

"Another year with its duties and responsibilities, its hopes and fears, has passed, and we have met in this our forty-ninth annual Communication to review our actions and plan for the future.

"The retrospection will be pleasing or otherwise, just as we find we have met and cared for the problems that confronted us and the future will be alluring, in proportion to our resolve to give it our best efforts.

"Our Order has emerged from the World's Conflict, stronger, more charitable, with broader visions and higher ideals than ever before. It has cost us the lives of many of our young, energetic brothers, but has more fully developed that spirit of universal fraternity, and universal brotherhood so necessary to prevent a recurrence of the havoc, desolation, and horrors of war and its aftermath of sorrow and woe. Let us hope and pray their sacrifice has not been in vain. . . .

"In olden times, at midnight's hour, the watchman in his rounds would cry 'Low twelve, and all is well.' May we not hope that the midnight hour of strife, turmoil and unrest is past and believing that 'All is well' not only look forward to the dawn of a brighter day, but so live every hour, until at 'High twelve,' we can feel we have indeed reached the meridian hour of peace, and universal brotherhood of man, over which, like a rainbow in the clouds, shines the Fatherhood of God, an inspiration to use our time and talents to teach and practice the beautiful far-reaching principles of our Order, 'Faith, Hope and Charity.' "

We are pleased to note that very few complaints have called for attention. The Grand Master strongly deprecates mushroom and commercialized Masonry, but his language is none too strong.

The membership is reported as 18,503, a net gain of 711 for the year. Three new temples were dedicated.

We notice that a questionnaire is recommended to be annexed to the petition for initiation and answered in detail.

A splendid review of correspondence is appended to the report, and the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in 1922 are given generous space.

M.W. Brother Robert S. Lockhart, Watertown, Grand Master.

R.W. Brother George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.

C. V. B.

TASMANIA

On October 20, 1922, a Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held at which the Constitution was amended, among other ways, to emphasize the duty of a Mason to conform to every lawful authority and to uphold the interest and prosperity of the state in which he resides, and further to provide that no lodge shall on the same day work more than one degree, initiate more than four persons, or pass more than four brethren or raise more than two brethren unless by dispensation from the Grand Master.

The Annual Convention was held at Launceston on the 24th of February, 1923.

Twelve meetings of the Board of General Purposes were held during the year 1922.

The Board of Benevolence reported that for the year 1922 assistance had been rendered to fifteen brethren and sixteen widows. The total receipts of the Board were considerably in excess of those of the previous year. The grants made by the Board were also in excess, but to a smaller

degree, leaving an increased balance to the credit of the Board. The report points out that, owing to the increase of the annual contributions from lodges to the Board's Fund, as provided in the previous half-yearly communication of Grand Lodge, the Board will be able to deal more liberally with applications for relief. It is noted that the collections for the Board's Fund made at the installation ceremonies have increased.

The Board arranged loans for £1,850 to various lodges for the purpose of building Masonic Temples.

It is interesting to note that the Acting Grand Secretary reports no arrears in lodge dues and Grand Lodge Officers' fees for the previous year.

The Grand Master M.W. Bro. Henry L. D'Emden, in his annual address, deprecates the publication of particulars of Masonic ceremonies in the press and urges the lodges to refrain from publishing information concerning their meetings.

Number of lodges, 36; total membership, 2,827; net increase, 333.

M.W. Bro. Henry L. D'Emden, Grand Master.

V.W. Bro. W. H. Strutt, Acting Grand Secretary.

E. T. B.

TEXAS

The Eighty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas was held at the Grand Masonic Temple in the City of Waco, commencing on December 4, 1923. Grand Master Mike H. Thomas presided. Alberta was not represented.

The Grand Master's address occupied seventy-two pages of the Annual Proceedings, and is a forceful presentation of the views of the Grand Master on the various problems demanding attention in this Grand Jurisdiction during the year, as well as a faithful report of the official acts of the Grand Master.

The volume of work devolving upon the Grand Master of 120,000 Masons is very great and the appeal to the brethren by Grand Master Thomas to reduce it by closer study of the Masonic law of the jurisdiction would seem justified and timely.

The membership in Texas has doubled in ten years.

Forty-three dispensations to lay cornerstones of public buildings, as churches, schools, hospitals, civic buildings, fire halls and lodge rooms, indicate an evident awakening of the Fraternity.

The Grand Master gives an interesting account as he sees it of the history and condition of Mexican Masonry.

In his concluding remarks, the Grand Master includes a strong endorsement of the Masonic Service Association and its educational program.

During the sessions of this Grand Lodge, the brethren were favored with an address by R.W. Bro. M. A. Childers, Grand Orator, entitled "The Building and Maintaining of the Ship of State, a Study in Masonic Citizenship," and a lengthy address by R.W. Bro. Andrew L. Randell, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Service and Education, wherein he reported the activities of the Masonic Service Committee of Texas

during the year and also outlined the plans of the National Organization. Both of these addresses were highly instructive and inspirational.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for 1923, prepared and submitted by M.W. Bro. S. M. Bradley, P.G.M., chairman, is perhaps the most valuable portion of the Proceedings from the viewpoint of a Mason residing outside the jurisdiction. In addition to the usual reviews, it contains a valuable survey of the several Masonic Homes maintained by the Grand Lodges in the United States with statistics relating thereto, which will prove very useful for comparative purposes. There is also a brief account of Masonic Homes in England and Ireland.

The reviews of the Proceedings of sixty-two Grand Lodges fill 165 pages of extremely interesting reading. M.W. Bro. Bradley is recognized as one of the leading brethren of the Round Table. He believes that the report on Foreign Correspondence should be in the nature of a storehouse of Masonic information, rather than an opportunity for the writer to tell what he knows or what he thinks he knows about Masonic law and usage. He states it has been his purpose and policy to eliminate all unnecessary comment and personal opinion, and furnish only such facts, figures and quotations as will indicate the trend of Masonic thought and action in the several Grand Lodges under review. Bro. Bradley's word is in accord with his specification.

Alberta Proceedings for 1922 and 1923 are reviewed in terms sympathetic and appreciative, for which we are grateful.

Total membership, 122,879; net gain, 5,387.

F. S. S.

VERMONT

The one hundred and thirtieth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Burlington, on June 13th and 14th, 1923. M.W. Bro. George I. Whitney, Grand Master.

In opening his address Grand Master Whitney says:

"It affords me great pleasure to meet you all and I extend to you a cordial and fraternal welcome to this our one hundred and thirtieth Annual Communication. One year ago seems but yesterday, and once again we assemble a happy united brotherhood and with hearts overflowing with gratitude we return to Almighty God abundant thanks for all blessings. We meet today to review the labors of the past year and plan for the future welfare of the Order. The conditions of the Craft throughout the State is very satisfactory. A good amount of work has been done, adding to the number of good Masons, men who are of value as citizens in every community."

Under "Fraternal dead" he reports the death of the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Alfred J. Hough, "a loyal, true-hearted Mason to whom great respect has always been shown," and two Past Grand Masters, M.W. Bro. Eugene S. Weston and M.W. Bro. Edward L. Wells.

Bro. Weston had partially completed his report on Foreign Correspondence before his death, and this was ably completed by Past Grand Master A. S. Harriman. The Grand Master says that Bro. Weston "was a regular attendant of the Grand Lodge for many years. He was zealous and faithful to every trust—a generous, broad and noble-hearted man and Mason. To know him was to love him, and his loss will be deeply felt."

Of Bro. Wells he says:

"The Masonic career of Brother Wells has been long and faithful, and to those who have been associated with him a sincere fraternal friendship has resulted."

The Grand Master was present at 11 of the District Meetings, having been unable to attend two. He says: "The attendance was large at every meeting and I never witnessed greater enthusiasm or more genuine interest than was shown." Which speaks most eloquently of the state of Masonry in Vermont.

During the year the Grand Master laid the cornerstone of a new Masonic building for Olive Branch Lodge, No. 64, at Chester, and later in the year dedicated the building.

Two lodges in the jurisdiction had attained the ripe old age of 125 years and one celebrated its centennial.

To us in this new country there are few lodges that can celebrate the twenty-five years without adding the hundred years, and we feel almost envious of the history and tradition that must be attached to these lodges.

The Grand Master urges that a time greater than two weeks between conferring degrees be taken. "The tendency of the candidate is to get the degrees in the shortest possible time and often times the officers of the lodge are inclined to rush him through either for their own convenience or in order that he may apply for other Orders. Candidates who have to make some effort to get their degrees are more interested in Masonry, while the one who is rushed through develops only little interest in it. Too many are tagged Masons." To this I heartily agree. There is more in each degree than the average man can digest in a month. We always prize most those things which are hardest to attain. "Masonry teaches its votaries to be wiser, better and consequently happier." If the candidate is rushed through he cannot assimilate the truths taught in the various degrees, and the confused mass which he gets soon fades away and he joins the great number of non-attendants.

The Grand Master recommends that each candidate submit to an examination in open lodge and eliminate the examination before a committee. This is good provided that only one or possibly two candidates are examined at a time. The tendency in open lodge is to hurry through and alternate questions are put if more than one candidate. With a large class each answers but a very few questions. If the committee does its work as it should no candidate can get through without a thorough knowledge of the work.

The Grand Secretary in his report when speaking of his attendance on District Meetings uses these words: "Wherever I have been I have been deeply impressed by the spirit of earnestness shown by the brethren. They listen eagerly as the serious side of Masonry is presented and the relation of our institution to all that is best in social, political and religious life. They care more for light than for merriment. Masonic platitudes no longer have any weight; when they ask for bread a stone no longer satisfies. In this spirit is the hope and strength of Masonry."

The Grand Secretary reports 103 chartered lodges with a total number of Master Masons in jurisdiction on April 30th, 1923, of 18,229, a net gain of 428 over 1922.

The Finance Committee recommends and it was adopted that a special assessment of \$1.00 per member be made for the George Washington Memorial Association Building Fund.

The Committee on Grand Master's Address in their report use the following words: "From Alpha to Omega there is evidence of thoughtful, careful and painstaking labor in his rendition of the record of his stewardship, without ambiguity; but with such clearness of expression that none can plead ignorance of his intent."

This is well-deserved praise of a most excellent address. In the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence Alberta Annual Proceedings are briefly reviewed.

One hundred and forty-nine pages of the Annual Proceedings are taken up with a list of subordinate lodges and members.

George I. Whitney was re-elected Grand Master, as was also the Grand Secretary, Henry H. Ross.

H. C. T.

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

Quarterly Communication held at Melbourne in March, 1923.

Extract from the Report of the Board of General Purposes:

"The Board, on the recommendation of the Representative Committee, has decided to publish in the Annual Report of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge extracts from the Proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges. With this object in view, the Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Victoria will be requested to write a short summary of the Reports of their respective Grand Lodges, and submit the same to the Grand Secretary not later than the 31st December in each year, for revision by five Representatives elected as a Committee of Foreign Correspondence."

The Board held twelve meetings during the year.

The Board of Benevolence gives general statement of expenditures of £557 distributed among twenty-seven cases during the quarter.

The Grand Secretary reports that during the past year the Grand Superintendent of Works had approved of plans and specifications for the erection of twenty-five new Temples at a total estimated cost of over £80,000.

The address of the M.W. Grand Master His Excellency The Earl of Stradbroke, we note the following:

The importance of music in the Lodge Ceremonies emphasized; the recommendation for the formation of Lodge Libraries; that the aggregate amount of the Grand Lodge Funds is over £100,000.

With reference to the quality of membership the Grand Master says in part as follows:

"Our substantial buildings are typical of the thoroughness of our principles, and Freemasonry is now such an important factor in the world's affairs that we must be more than ever careful that only those are admitted who will honor the Craft, and be an honor to it. Without intruding itself on the provinces of religion or politics, it seeks to leaven the mass by inculcating the finest principles of morality. It is not academic, but it insists on making those principles a practical, active, operating force. It is only by the combined efforts of individuals, co-operating

together with the concentrated energy of a determined purpose, that any substantial good can be accomplished."

Quarterly Communication held at Melbourne in June, 1923.

From the Report of the Board of General Purposes we note that seven lodges were consecrated during the quarter and four new temples dedicated.

The report deals with the case of a master of a lodge who as organizing secretary for a candidate in a municipal election issued a circular-letter to the members of the Lodge, which he signed as Master of the Lodge, urging support to his candidate and opposing another candidate both on political and religious grounds. For this offence the Board suspended the Master from all Masonic rites and privileges for one month.

The Board of Benevolence reports the expenditure of over £903 among twenty-five cases for the quarter.

Quarterly Communication held at Melbourne in September, 1923.

The M.W. Pro. Grand Master deprecates certain proposed methods to raise money in aid of Masonic objects and points out that these funds should be contributed by the members and friends of the Order and that no appeal should be made outside the immediate benefits of the Fraternity. He says in part, "Masonry is strong enough morally and financially without making piteous entreaties for assistance to those not connected with the institution."

The Board of General Purposes reports that seven Lodges were consecrated during the Quarter and six Temples dedicated.

The Board decided that the same rule as relates to the naming of new Lodges should apply to the naming of Masonic Temples, i.e., that a Lodge should not be named for any living person.

The Board suspended a sitting Master for a period of three months for non-compliance with the Constitution and declared the election void on other constitutional grounds.

The Grand Lodge voted the sum of £250 to the Japanese Disaster Fund.

The Board of Benevolence distributed £589 during the quarter among thirty cases.

A full report is given of the Proceedings of the First Conferences of Secretaries of subordinate Lodges held at Melbourne in September, 1923, at which 333 Lodges were represented. Among the matters considered were: Exclusion of Brothers in Craft, Mark and Royal Arch Degrees; to automatically exclude from the Craft Degree any Brother who has been excluded from the Mark or Royal Arch Degree (approved by the meeting); abolishing of commission to secretaries and others for the purchase of regalia, jewels and furniture (approved); the regulation of admission to installation and other banquets by entry cards; to adopt a uniform system in connection with the examination of visitors not vouched for; uniformity of regalia; the advisability of every Free Mason reporting to the Grand Secretary any matter affecting the character of a candidate or any officer of a Lodge who is advancing in office.

Quarterly Communications held at Melbourne in December, 1923.

The Communication from the M.W. Grand Master dealing with the wearing of regalia in public refers to the Constitution of that jurisdiction

which allows the Grand Master to grant dispensations to allow brethren to appear clothed in the jewel and collar of the Craft in any procession or at any funeral, ball, theatre, public assembly or meeting or at any place of public resort. He quotes the resolution of the Australian Conference of Grand Lodges held in Melbourne, November, 1921, to the effect that the wearing of regalia in public be discouraged. He refers to a resolution of the Board of General Purposes of the Victoria Grand Lodge to the effect that it was highly desirable that no dispensation should be granted permitting Masonic regalia to be worn at any function where others than Freemasons were present and expressed his own concurrence with this sentence.

The Report of the Board of General Purposes shows during the quarter nine Lodges consecrated and four Temples dedicated.

A review of Foreign Correspondence is published with the Proceedings, but no reference is made to Alberta.

The Alberta representative, R.W. Bro. E. Colsen was present at the Communications held in March and June, but does not appear to have been present at the other Communications.

324 lodges. Total membership, 34,583.

M.W. Bro. His Excellency The Earl of Stradbroke, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. W. Stewart, P.S.G.W., Grand Secretary.

E. T. B.

VIRGINIA

The 145th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of Richmond on Tuesday, the 13th of February, 1923. Grand Master, M.W. Bro. James H. Price. Alberta was not represented.

Among the distinguished visitors present were M.W. Bro. J. C. Bissell, Grand Master of South Carolina; Bro. Wm. H. Taft, Chief Justice of the United States, and Bro. E. Lee Trinkle, Governor of Virginia. The Grand Master's address includes a detailed account of his official acts during the year and contains a great deal of very interesting and instructive material. From it we quote the following:

"I will strive to live with love and care
Upon the level and the square.

"My experience as your Grand Master convinces me that the spirit of Virginia Masonry is substantially attuned to the beautiful sentiment reflected in the lines of this old inscription. Masonry in Virginia at the present time enjoys the blessings so fervently desired by the Psalmist: 'Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces.'

"Virginia Masonry has a proud heritage of lofty traditions, noble endeavor and glorious achievement. Our past should be a constant inspiration, a never-failing stimulus to every Mason of this Grand Jurisdiction to lift high the banner of Masonry and to preserve her name unsullied.

"Our finances show an improvement over the conditions reported at our last Grand Annual Communication."

A list of the visitations made by the Grand Master to the Lodge Rooms within his jurisdiction is given and from them he derived not only genuine pleasure, but they were to him also a source of inspiration. A number of visitations were made to sister lodges, the Grand Master being impressed with the idea that since we are engaged in a common cause, there is more desirability of knowing our neighbors better; that by so doing we cement more firmly, if possible, the ties that already bind us together in brotherly love and affection.

A number of dispensations were granted and some refused. Concerning these latter, we quote the following remarks of the Grand Master:

"The effect of dispensations, in most cases, is to waive some provision of the law, and I have felt it incumbent upon me to refuse a large number of requests during the year. The duty of the Grand Master, as I conceive it, is to see that the law is enforced, unless there are unusual circumstances or conditions which would render the operation of the law in its usual course harsh in its effect and consequences. It is often hard to determine just when a dispensation is justified and, in cases of doubt, I have always found it a safe rule to resolve the doubt in favor of the law as it stands. A wholesome respect for the law cannot be expected if it is lightly set aside or treated as something trivial.

"I have refused all requests for dispensations to receive petitions from candidates who could not 'without artificial aid or friendly assistance' conform to the Ritual; and likewise all requests to receive and ballot upon petitions where the residential requirements had not been met."

He says further:

"I have not had to render many decisions during the year. Most of the questions submitted to me were clearly answered by a reference to the provisions of our Digest.

"Several times during the year I have been obliged to decline to permit cornerstones to be laid on Sunday. Some of our brethren do not seem to understand the reason for this ruling, and one of our prominent Masons, in arguing the question with me stated that he was particularly anxious that the Masonic Fraternity should lay the cornerstone of the church of which he was a member, telling me that they had arranged to lay it on Sunday, and if the Fraternity declined to render this service, the church would proceed to lay it themselves. I assume that the church laid the cornerstone, because I heard nothing more from him. I have found no better reason for this time-honored ruling of the Fraternity than one assigned by Past Grand Master Quinn, who said:

"The Great Light in Masonry teaches us that in six days God created the heaven and the earth and rested on the seventh which he hallowed and made a day of rest for the ages, for man and beast, and the 'seventh,' therefore, our ancient brethren consecrated as a day of rest from their labors, and we must obey God and do as did our ancient brethren."

The Grand Master says:

"Our Virginia people show wonderful enterprise in the erection of churches and schools, as our record of cornerstones laid will show. This is most commendable activity for, after all, what could more accurately reflect the character and spirit of the splendid people of this old Commonwealth? As Masons we should consider it a delightful privilege to be identified with these movements for the uplift of humanity, and I have

taken pleasure in granting permission to subordinate lodges to lay corner-stones in some 36 cases.

"Virginia Masons feel a just pride in our splendid Ritual. It is prized for its own sake; it is loved and treasured for its own unclouded and exquisite charm; it appeals to us for its own beautiful simplicity of teaching. I am pleased to bear testimony to the fact that the Ritual is studied with more interest and care than ever before.

"Masonry occupies a sphere peculiarly its own. It is a silent but nevertheless potential and constructive force for good. It makes no effort to interfere with the religious belief of any member of the Craft. It selects for no man the manner in which he shall worship his Maker; designates no particular church in which he shall offer up his devotions; it erects no form of altar on which he must make his oblation, but leaves his religious principles a matter for his own conscience to prescribe. Masonry makes no effort to dictate to its devotees the political faith which they shall embrace.

"No Mason who has conscientiously imbibed the spirit of our teachings, will debase the dignity of his profession by injecting Masonry into business. Selfish, mercenary motives, hopes for worldly gain, are entirely outside the pale of our Institution. Masonry, in the last analysis, is a system of giving—not getting—and means a career of service and sacrifice from the moment you are received at the West Gate until the last scene is over. The highest conception of Masonry is service. 'Every human being has a claim upon your kind offices; do good unto all, but recommend it more especially to the household of the faithful.' Display and ostentation are entirely foreign to the spirit of the Institution. Every attempt to erect a super-structure or to devise something wonderful upon which the public might gaze, has been looked upon with disfavor. When the Great Teacher with His three disciples, found their way to the mountain top to commune with Moses and Elias, one of the emotional members of the party proposed to erect three tabernacles. The Great Teacher frowned upon the suggestion, and with his eyes directed to the valley, led His disciples down the mountain side to the lowlands where the multitudes were, and began to heal the sick, relieve the distressed and render His usual practical service. Brethren, our work is in the valley, and I would have you press forward with earnestness and zeal to the prize of your high calling. Discouragement may come, ingratitude may be in evidence on every side, even the heavens may seem dark and your soul rent with agony, but these things are not lost."

From the report of the Committee on the Masonic Home, it appears that from August, 1800, to November, 1922, there was admitted to the Home a total of 330 children, who were received from 106 different lodges, and that on November 10th, 1922, there were in the Home 59 girls and 74 boys, making a total of 133. In so far as the knowledge of the committee extends, those who have gone out from the Home have been well equipped for the duties of life and have been a credit to the Home.

The report of the committee under the headings, Management, Discipline and Internal Affairs, Educational Advantages, Moral and Religious Training, Home Influence, Scope of Service, Building, Farming and Equipment makes exceedingly interesting reading and the Superintendent and his staff are to be congratulated on their splendid service to this important work.

Membership, 41,191. Number raised, 2,760.

E. D. C.

WASHINGTON

The 66th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Washington convened in the city of Tacoma on Tuesday, June 12, 1923, and was called to order by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. James McCormack.

The Grand Master, in his report, tells of his visit to Alaska and of meeting the Lodges there. This pilgrimage must even surpass the annual trips of our Grand Masters to the great Peace River Country.

Judging by the number of visits paid during the year, the Grand Master must have devoted almost all of his time to the work of the Craft.

The Grand Master, towards the conclusion of his address, quoted from Gail Hamilton the following words:

"Every person is responsible for all the good within the scope of his abilities, and for no more; and none can tell whose sphere is the largest."

The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Washington has an enviable record. He reported that since 1889 he had not missed a communication, the 1923 communication being his thirty-fifth; that when he first attended in 1889 the total membership was 2,389, while the present membership is 40,500.

The custom of having a Grand Orator for Grand Lodge, which is becoming prevalent, seems to have much merit. It relieves the Grand Master of the responsibility of dealing with the great principles of Masonry in his address and allows him to narrate the work which he has done. The Grand Orator, free and unfettered, can then outline some of the great principles.

Grand Orator Rt. Rev. Frederic W. Keator delivered at the Washington Communication a very comprehensive address on "The Democracy of Masonry." A few thoughts from his address may be quoted:

"Some one has wittily said that the human race is just like any other race: 'It's no fun unless somebody comes out ahead.' In the words of Henry Van Dyke, true democracy 'involves no alteration of the laws of the universe . . . but rather just the spirit of fair play; that in the game of life, as we play it, the rules shall be the same for all, the penalties the same for all, the prizes, so far as possible, open for all, and let the best man win.' Beneath all the apparent differences among men there is the oneness of the human nature which we all share. 'The weakest and wickedest of men is, in virtue of his possibilities, but little lower than the angels; while the noblest and most powerful of men is, by reason of his limitations, but little higher than the brutes.'

"Democracy is a force or spirit growing out of the very nature of man. It is the assertion of the supreme spiritual dignity and moral worth of every member of the human race, irrespective of the accidents of birth and place; irrespective, even, of differences of character and ability. It is the truth of which Bobbie Burns sang: 'A man's a man for a' that.'

"Say not the struggle naught availeth,

The labor and wounds are vain,

The enemy faints not, nor faileth,

And as things have been they remain.

For while the tired waves, vainly breaking,

Seem here no painful inch to gain,

Far back, through creeks and inlets making,

Comes, silent, flooding in the main.'

"So, walking in the old paths, and joining in the old quest, which is also ever new, we shall build up and extend the Democracy of Masonry, and hasten the coming of that glad day of which Bobbie Burns, sometimes called the poet-laureate of Masonry, in its spirit and with its prophetic vision, so truly sang:

"Then let us pray that come it may,
As come it will, for a' that,

That man to man, the warld o'er,
Shall brothers be, for a' that."

R. P.

WEST VIRGINIA

The 59th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Wheeling, on November 14th and 15th, 1923. The Grand Master's address briefly covers the year's work.

Seventeen cornerstones for schools and churches were laid by the Craft in West Virginia.

Evidence of progress and prosperity is borne out by the mention of seventy-five requests from Grand Masters of other Grand Jurisdictions to confer degrees as a matter of courtesy. Prosperity is always attractive "and the state of increase in membership indicates substantial and normal growth."

It was seen that Alberta has no representative near this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master, in all cases, refused permission to allow other orders and lodges the joint use of lodge rooms "for rental consideration." There is a tendency, where the practice of renting lodge rooms becomes general, to regard the lodge room merely as a convenient meeting place. It acquires no special regard and respect as a fraternal home. The ceremonies and work of the fraternity lose much of their dignity and impressiveness when surrounded by the "belongings" of perhaps half a dozen more or less strange orders. The writer has seen some extraordinary combinations produced by this mixing-up process.

The Grand Master also refused to permit candidates to be advanced by special communications under the usual time limits. It is better that the candidate should suffer a little inconvenience and be allowed to travel an uninformed, inexperienced Mason who is more than likely, if he regards himself as a full-fledged member, to neglect to obtain that instruction so necessary to his Masonic education, and consequently he is often lost to the Craft. On the other hand, if he still has something to obtain, he will more often than not persist and become an active member in his new home.

There are a few cases reported by the Grand Master under Grievances and Appeals, and it appears to me that in these cases it would be an improvement in every publication of Proceedings if names and addresses were left out. Letters could be used in their places. The "case" only is of general interest, not the person or the lodge, and in the West Virginia Proceedings a full directory of the officers and members, candidates, dismissions, etc., occupies a large portion of the volume. An examination of these lists show what a family affair most of the lodges are. The same name is repeated in one case I think over a dozen times—members apparently of the same tribe and family. It is both interesting and pleasant to note

that feature, but what of the feelings of that tribe or family when one of their name is pilloried?

This Grand Jurisdiction maintains a Grand Lecturer, with his deputies, who, with the District Deputy Grand Masters, visit the lodges. There would seem to have been some overlapping in the conduct of the work which resulted in a meeting being called by the Grand Master to co-ordinate and harmonize the duties of both offices, which met with much success.

Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters show that West Virginia gets along with very small lodge dues. How a lodge can carry on and cope with expenses in these halcyon days of high cost with annual dues of from \$2.50 to \$4.00 is a mystery. The Grand Master earnestly suggests that lodges take steps to increase their dues at once.

The Grand Master, like many of his contemporaries, is trying to find a way to check the mad race for "further degrees" (I like the term), but the committee did not think that any new laws should be made at this time.

He also feels it necessary to give a cautionary warning to members of the Craft about Masonic connection with the Ku Klux Klan and recommends to the attention of the Grand Lodge, for such action as it may deem proper, the activities of the Fort Bayard undertaking, having for its object the relief of brethren who are T.B. patients.

Finally he notes the increase in membership of nearly 1,500, bringing West Virginia up to the total of 31,018 members.

Turning to the reports of Grand Lecturers and D.D.G.M.'s, we find very much of interest. The Grand Lecturer instituted lodges of instruction, which are apparently the Regional Schools referred to by his deputies.

There is evidence of the overlapping which the Grand Master refers to. One deputy suggests that their authority take the form and activities exercised by the D.D.G.M.'s. Originally the office of D.D.G.M. meant what its title implies and he might well have and did assume the duties of Grand Lecturer, but in many jurisdiction he has ceased to be the direct appointee of the Grand Master. He is elected or nominated by a district, region or county, and he might not be the one best qualified to act as Grand Lecturer. Another deputy hopes some action may be taken by Grand Lodge whereby "our lodges will be required to find more work for the Grand Lecturer, otherwise the deputies will become rusty." These deputies spend much time in the performance of their duties. Take one report, 108 days were spent in the work and the deputy stayed with one lodge sixteen days.

The D.D.G.M. reports are always interesting. One D.D.G.M. finds fees and dues too low; another finds meetings, governed by the state of the moon's phases, confusing and causes lack of attendance; another advises the visit of a Deputy District Grand Lecturer; another has a lodge in his district "that does perfect work and yet never has had a Lecturer"; another D.D.G.M. finds a lodge much in need of instruction. He camped with them ten days, giving the instruction and had just completed another eight days' work amongst them. He also has a Banner Lodge in his district. "Grand Lodge even could not put on better work," and we might have had more interesting news "but for Bro. John M. who would cut it out." Yet another zealous D.D.G.M. says his "work has been pleasant at times; at other times, not so pleasant."

And there were difficulties too. D.D.G.M.'s did not always have capacity meetings, but sometimes there is cause. One says "the secretary was away attending college; the Junior Warden absent on account of sickness; the Senior Warden and sheriff out chasing bootleggers and 'the Junior Deacon living far out in the country." However, he had a meeting.

The correspondence report is by the Dean of Correspondence, Brother George W. Atkinson, P.G.M. As might be expected, it is very complete. Alberta receives notice of two communications Bro. J. Watson Younge and Bro. F. S. Selwood are both quoted at length. At the end he gives his concluding remarks, a well written resume of the general outlook of the Craft, filled with shrewd remarks well worthy of attention.

Fred C. Steinbicker, Grand Master, Wheeling, West Virginia; John M. Collins, Wheeling, West Virginia.

J. H. W. S. K.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Proceedings for the year ending May, 1923.

The Grand Master, the Most Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D.D., LL.D. O.B.E., V.D. (Archbishop of Perth), in the course of his quarterly address at the Communicat'on held in August, 1922, emphasized the importance of the Review of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges pointing out that there is no better means of giving the brethren an idea of what is taking place in the Craft in other parts of the world than the Annual Review. He also deals at length with the Committees of Inquiry or "Character Committees," as they are known in the Alberta Jurisdiction.

He lays stress on the point that something more than a negative report is required; that the committee should go further than this and be prepared to give positive recommendation of the candidate, but he lays the main responsibility as to the recommendation of candidates upon the proposer and seconder.

The Board of General Purposes meets several times during each quarter. The Board has jurisdiction over a variety of matters, including by-laws, authority of lodges to borrow moneys, the recommendation to the Grand Master to grant petitions for the establishment of new lodges, the interpretation of regulations and the work of the jurisdiction generally.

V.W. Bro. G. L. Broun in his report as District Grand Inspector of Workings of his District (corresponding in function to the Alberta District Deputies) urges accommodation for social intercourse outside of the lodges so that members may become more intimately acquainted.

This Grand Lodge inaugurated a Central Lodge of Instruction. The innovation appears to meet with great success.

The annual volume of Proceedings is sold to the members. The whole of the issues for the two preceding years had been absorbed.

The Acting Deputy Grand Master in absence of the Grand Master at the second Quarterly Communication held in November, 1922, refers to the enormous increase in membership of the Craft during the past few years and sounds a warning note as to the necessity for the greatest possible care in the selection of the material.

It is interesting to note that the subordinate lodges have to receive permission from the Board of General Purposes before raising loans for building purposes and otherwise.

In the report of the Board of General Purposes in the Quarterly Communication of February, 1923, the board adopted the view that it was competent for a lodge to loan money to one of its members on the security of real estate and in the manner which trustees are authorized to invest by the statutes of Western Australia but not otherwise. This indicates the close supervision Grand Lodge maintains over the finances of the subordinate lodges.

During the period covered by the report, the Board of Benevolence held twelve meetings and dispensed over £931.

At this Communication M.W. Bro. Riley was re-elected Grand Master for the eighteenth time.

We note the following points from the Grand Master's address at the Annual Communication held in May, 1923:

That from the two benevolent funds connected with the Craft the sum of £17,957 had been distributed, since the formation of Grand Lodge and that these two funds have in reserve a total of £28,999; that for the twenty-first year in succession the books of Grand Lodge have closed without there being one single lodge in arrears; that the Central Lodge of Instruction recently inaugurated its meeting with great success; that one of the subordinate lodges arranged for a Sunday picnic, but at the suggestion of the Grand Master abandoned the plan. In reference to this the Grand Master says in part:

"In all Masonic acts we should be studiously careful not to offend the susceptibilities of others, including those of our brethren who believe in Sunday observance, and, personally, I have always considered Sunday to be a 'dies non' so far as the Craft is concerned, and on more than one occasion have made a pronouncement to that effect. As individuals we reserve to ourselves such freedom of action regarding Sunday as we think proper, but as Freemasons we have certain restrictions imposed on us which do not affect the individual in his private capacity as an ordinary citizen."

The Board of General Purposes dealing with the specific case takes occasion to point out to the subordinate lodges that the Grand Jurisdiction of Western Australia did not recognize the Grand Orient of France or the Grand Lodge of France and that members of those Grand Lodges are not eligible to be received as visitors.

The report of the Board of Management of the Widows', Orphans' and Aged Freemasons' Fund for the year ending May, 1923, cites the distribution of £1,612 among forty-four cases which are referred to in general detail as is the custom in the Alberta Jurisdiction.

The Grand Treasurer's financial statement shows a net gain of over £2,708 for the year.

R.W. Bro. G. B. Humble, representative of the Alberta Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of West Australia, was present at the Annual Communication.

The annual report contains full details of the lodges, as to numbers of members, contributions, lists of officers, and also full details of the various boards of Grand Lodge with full lists of the Grand Lodge officers

from its organization in 1900, also list of Grand Lodge representatives at home and abroad.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence published with the Proceedings, occupies 274 pages, 4 pages of which are devoted to the report of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta for the year 1922.

Total membership, 6,010. Net increase for the year, 493.

M.W. Bro. the Most Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D.D., LL.D., O.B.E.
V.D. (Archbishop of Perth), Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. J. D. Stevenson, P.D.G.M., Grand Secretary.

E. T. B.

WISCONSIN

The Seventy-ninth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the City of Milwaukee on the 12th day of June, 1923. M.W. Bro. John E. Langdon, Grand Master, presided.

The Grand Master's address was a terse and interesting exposition of his interpretation of the needs of the hour in his jurisdiction and in general as well as a pointed and informative report of his labors as Grand Master.

Twenty-six decisions are reported and the Grand Lodge approved twenty-five of them. The first two relate to the status of an insane brother and held a dimit could not be granted to an insane brother nor could he be disciplined for non-payment of dues.

In discussing the subject of charity, we find the following intimation:

"I wish to emphasize a privilege we seldom do—that is, to inquire regarding a brother's welfare. Often we know a brother is in difficulty. We know it is hard for him to provide for those dependent upon him. Yet so long as he refrains from appealing we show little interest in him. We force him into the uncomfortable position of having to appeal before we fulfil an obligation to him. If we could exercise this privilege we would show our unfortunates we have a real interest in them."

We heartily endorse the Grand Master's attitude respecting Masonic functions or parties on the Sabbath Day, which is admirably set forth in these words:

"I have been asked to sanction lodges and organizations made up exclusively of Masons to go on picnics and promoting different forms of amusements on Sunday, thereby subjecting lodges, and the Fraternity, to unfavorable criticism, bringing reproach on the good name of Masonry, yet possibly not thinking any wrong would be done. To all I have refused. Masonry is a dignified institution, its ideas of the highest, and we as Masons should maintain that high efficiency in both principle and practice, which assures respect, that gives dignity to the enforcement of our laws. If we are to preserve the reputation of the Fraternity unsullied we need to be careful in the use of our lodge room on this day."

We wish that this Grand Master's conception of an ideal working lodge could be made effective and operative in every lodge. He says:

"In every lodge there should be work provided for all and not merely for those who take part in conferring the degrees, especially to give to the young Mason something to do, and encouragement to become a constant attendant. I am not one who thinks non-affiliates altogether at fault and unworthy. The lodge, its officers and members, are sometimes at fault. If some agreeable companionship, some satisfying, helpful friendship, was shown them they would not want to withdraw. Conferring the degrees is not all of making a man a Mason. It is only the beginning. A good Master should find work for every member, work that will make him feel that he is of some account. It will elevate his ideas and expand his mind and heart towards our beloved institution."

"The most important work of the Committee on Masonic Research along lines of original research was the preparation of a book entitled *Selected List of Masonic Literature*, a work designed to assist librarians to classify their Masonic works and to determine upon those that they may need to fill out a well-balanced library. The task was one never before attempted on this scale, and represents a great many months of study and revision on the part of the committee. It contains the titles of general reference works and pamphlets and pertinent comments for the guidance of readers, comprising in total one hundred thirty-eight pages of material designed to be of especial help to students. The work has awakened considerable comment that has been helpful to the committee."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for 1923, prepared by M.W. Bro. Aldro Jenks, comprises 190 pages of very interesting reading in the way of review, commentary and discussion on what may be termed the "burning questions" of the day Masonically.

Total membership, 49,550; net gain, 3,220.

F. S. S.

WYOMING

The 49th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming was held in the Masonic Temple, Cheyenne, on August 22nd, 1923, with M.W. Bro. Wm. A. Riner presiding. An address of welcome was delivered by Bro. Jas. B. True, Worshipful Master of Cheyenne Lodge No. 1, and responded to by M.W. Bro. Harold Banner, Past Grand Master.

The Grand Master's report is one of the briefest we have seen but one in which a very high note is struck, as might be expected from a Mason occupying the high position the Grand Master fills. We quote from his address briefly:

"The wisdom of ages past created the Order of Freemasonry. The wisdom and experience of the many ages through which it has lived have highly justified that creation. Old things sometimes weary, grow out of date, decay and vanish. Not so the Masonic society, for with a good and sure foundation, with principle of the best, unscathed, it has weathered the storms of centuries, crushed antagonism, and from year to year has risen to a higher, a nobler plan. Not only is this true the world over, but it is most gratifying to realize that in our own jurisdiction we are keeping well in the line of Masonic progress and advancement. As year follows year we have increased in numbers. Significantly, too, our institution is growing stronger in the hearts and estimation of the people of our State."

The Grand Master is called upon to record the deaths of three Past Grand Masters, viz., Brothers Ervin F. Cheney, William Daley and Frank A. Luckfield.

The Grand Master's decisions were all approved as we might expect, seeing that they were given by a Judge.

The membership is 6,873, being an increase for the year of 360. Thirty-seven lodges were represented.

The Committee on Masonic Correspondence also defines the requisites for recognition of foreign Grand Bodies, those being in close harmony with the principles enunciated elsewhere. The request of the Grand Lodges of Argentina, Honduras, Salvador, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala and Venezuela for recognition were held over for further investigation.

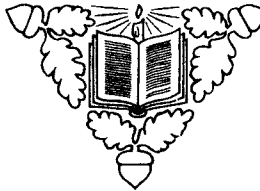
A striking feature of the report is the fact that the Committee on Appeals and Grievances found nothing for their consideration. We congratulate our brethren in Wyoming in that respect.

Fifty-five Grand Lodges are reviewed, and Alberta finds a place.

M.W. Brother James W. Stuchell, Shoshoni, Grand Master.

R.W. Brother Joseph M. Lowndes, Caspar, Grand Secretary.

C. V. B.



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